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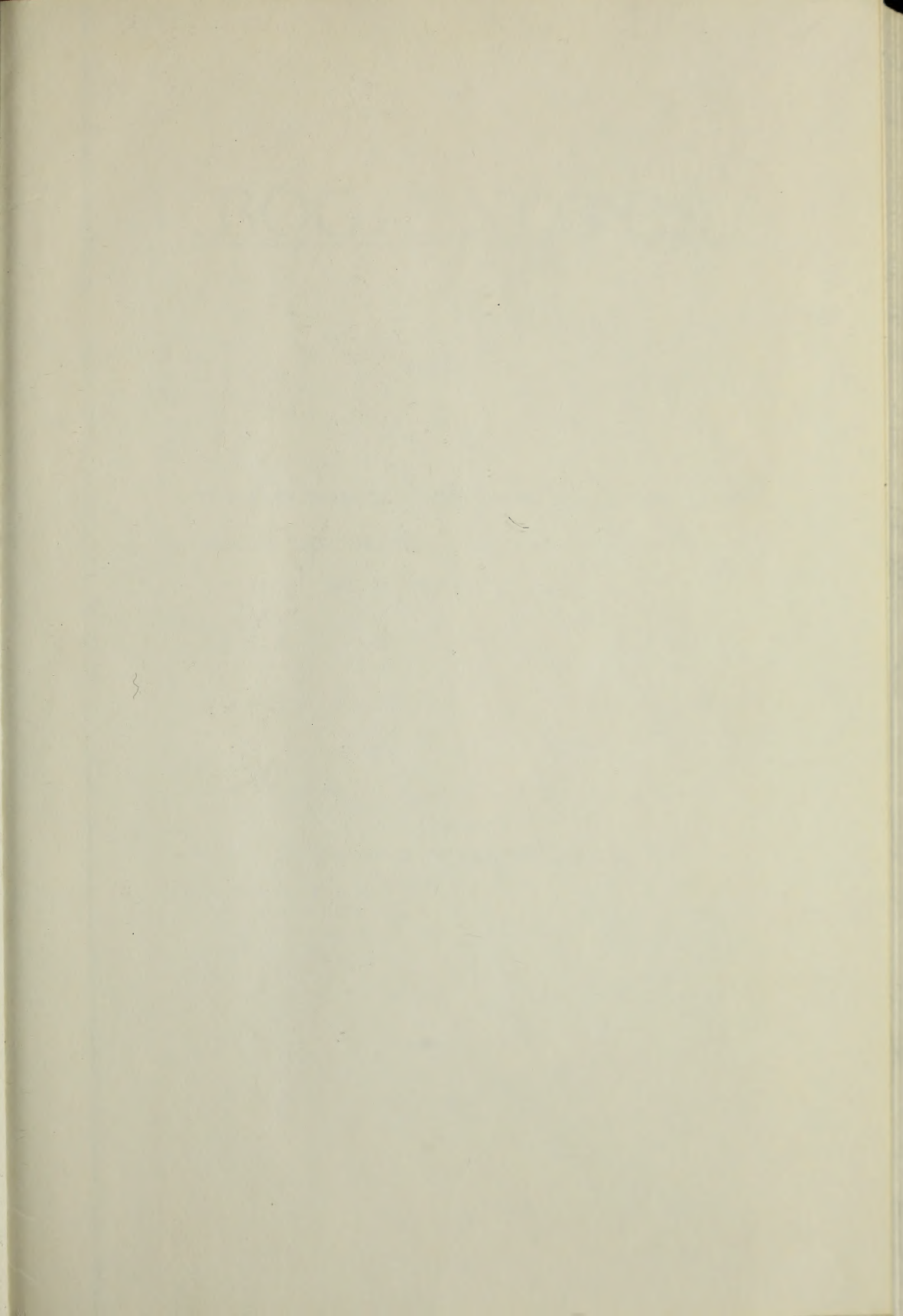
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A Century of Lotteries In Rhode Island.

The Essay written by Judge Stiness, under the title above, is nearly ready for publication. It has been prepared with great care. It is chronological in form, covering the period 1744, the year of the first lottery, to the prohibition by the constitution in 1842. The essay presents a phase of Rhode Island history unique in character, and entirely fresh; nothing at all comparable to it has ever before been accomplished, although twice attempted.

are intended to show the methods, the ownerships, the schemes, the connection of the State government, the accounting, the expositions of schemes, the laws, and in fact everything connected with the subject which can throw light upon it. The *Tract* will have about 125 pages, ending with the admirable part played by the late Prof. William G. Goddard in the extermination of the entire system. It is among the very best of the Rhode Island Historical Tracts, of which it forms No. 3 of the second series. The edition, as has

THIS TICKET, No 662 shall entitle the Possessor thereof, to any Prize drawn against said Number, in the LOTTERY allow'd by A^d of A^sembly, for building Weybosset Bridge at Providence. Witness our Hands and Seal at Providence, Nov. 13. 1744.

Steph Hopkins } For the Directors.

If one can hold his indignation in check, his amusement over this essay will be immense. No expense has been spared in producing a book adequately covering the ground; upwards of forty fac-simile illustrations have been inserted. These illustrations, aside from being merely curious

been the case with all these Tracts, is strictly limited to 250 copies, nearly all of which have been already sold. The book will quickly rise in value, and besides being a source of high honor to its author, will be a possession of sure value to the purchaser.

Mr. J. T. Trowbridge is a clever writer of stories for young people, and for many years he has held this position. A little book by Mr. Trowbridge has recently been published by Lee & Shepard, entitled the *Lottery Ticket*. It is a story of wholesome moral, told with much dramatic interest; which exhibits the immoral character of this greatest of iniquities. It is one of the penalties of evil doers, that for many a long year they are used to point a moral. So it is with Rhode Island in this tale. The period of the story is "about half a century ago," that is, in 1846. Ray Vancey solicits Weber Lockridge to buy a lottery ticket. Lockridge consults a friend, one Nelson Birdsley, who tells him that "lotteries are against the law." These people are all dwellers in Boston. Well, says Vancey, "your friend is right, and he is wrong; there's a law against lotteries in Massachusetts, but not in Rhode Island; I buy my tickets in Providence; I'm going there in a few days to buy one for the next drawing." Weber "went in," and a few days later drew a prize of \$1,000; "all we've got to do is to present the ticket at the office in Providence and draw your money." The lucky number was 3584. Vancey went for the money, and Weber ran across the Common on a Wednesday night to meet Vancey with the money: he met him with a satchel. "Well, heft it, and tell me what you think." Weber was astonished to find it so heavy, although he had been told that the prize would be paid in gold. It is all right to use Rhode Island to point the moral. She had for years, like all other States, allowed her people to carry on these terrible swindles. But this story is all nonsense. It happened in 1846. The R. I. constitution in 1842 prohibited lotteries; stringent laws were enacted in 1844; no such tickets had for years been sold; other systems had for years been the practice, and no gold was ever paid; and nobody in Massachusetts was ever obliged to come into Rhode Isl-

and to get "fleece'd" by lottery tickets, and it is just so to-day; lottery tickets are sold in Boston to-day just exactly as they are in Providence. But Mr. Trowbridge's story is clever and wholesome.

The *Review of Reviews* for December calls in question England's claim to be considered an "American power." This claim is now being asserted by English newspapers in connection with the Venezuelan matter. The Review takes the ground that the holding of possessions in South America does not constitute Great Britain a South American power. The editor regards the whole system of European colonies in the Western Hemisphere as the "strife-exciting and vexatious outgrowth of the surviving remnants of the colonial system" The Review publishes the Venezuelan side of the controversy from the Hon. W. L. Scruggs, our former Minister to Venezuela.

The recent introduction into the United States of Japanese buttons, bicycles, windows, blinds, and a thousand and one other articles free of duty at prices which are about one-quarter of the cost of the manufacturing prices here in America, will do much to assist in cheapening the cost of living. But then, it will also throw out of work some millions of American operatives who cannot live on the Japanese wage price of six cents a day. The last result of the democratic administration and tariff ability is a sort of finisher in its way. It will have the same effect on America in a few years that the stopping of the beating of the heart would have on any of its citizens.—*Pascoag Herald*.

If I can buy windows and blinds of the Japanese at one quarter the price which our Providence dealers make me, under a "protective" tariff law, pay them, am I not robbed to just that extent by those men, who elect Congressmen to make such laws?

It does not follow under such conditions that men will be thrown out of work. I must work and earn money, or I cannot

buy the Japanese windows—nor any windows at all.

The importation of goods from Japan cannot lower anybody's wage; it will be more likely to increase wages. A "protective" tariff is simply robbery under the forms of law, for the enrichment of the "protected" classes, to wit, the so called owners,—never the men who do the work.

Do you wish to know what poetry is? or what is poetry? Go then to a little book brought out by Lee & Shepard for Christmas, and for all time thereafter, entitled, *Broken Notes from a Gray Nunnery*. It is written by Julia Sherman Hallock. It consists of a series of notes, written chronologically from January to December, of things which the author saw, and so poetically describes, during a year of life in a country house, which she called the Gray Nunnery. It is in no sense a diary; it is rather a series of chronological rural observations by a woman competent to observe, and whose pen was touched with the spirit of poetry. Specimens, did you say? Well, here they are: "What can be more beautiful than snow in the country, with its unsullied spaces lying so fair under the open sky?" * * "Savagely cold again, but grand in its splendors of white light and steely sky." * * "The gale is so powerful I can almost fancy it makes the starbeams flicker." * * It was a chilly evening, when "one could fancy the wind had kissed a snowbank on its way hither." * * "In the cold sunset I heard a robin singing silver clear." * * "The grass is now faintly green; who does not love the sweet, slow smile of this awakening." * * "In the gray pallor of the earliest dawn I heard a whip-poor-will." * * "The mosses made elastic cushions under foot, and the lichen'd rocks felt alive to the hand." * * "It was of an evening in May when this lady wrote of "the pale silvery light and buoyant movement of a shadow." There you have them, and they

are poetry, and this little book is filled with others just like them. Phyllis, having just two years the advantage, (an ambiguous phrase,) was this woman's companion. Here's a picture of Phyllis: "With lids downcast and lips full of repose, she made an enchanting picture, sitting so quietly with the shaded lamp-light soft on her bright hair, and a reflected glow from a red covered table on which she leaned deepening her own marvellous coloring, till I thought, if one wished for a living symbol of June, here she is with her roses; and yet Phyllis is no longer young, save only as the pleasures of simple living, with wholesome habits and pure thoughts have kept her so." Thus you have a faithful picture of a beautiful and excellent little book. Verily, who would not "owe for a lodge in some vast wilderness," with two such women for companions.

There are 29 banks in the city of Providence: the stock of 12 of these institutions is quoted by the *Journal* below par. The financial record of even the booksellers here is not worse.

There are now in Providence 522 *licensed* (yes, actually *licensed*.) rum shops, and not one well equipped book-shop.

There are in Rhode Island 42 free public libraries, containing in the aggregate 217,000 volumes,—to every one of which the State contributes money with which to buy books. Three-quarters of all the books taken out of these libraries are novels. Have these institutions contributed to the ruin of the business of book selling?

In addition to these, the State buys a law library for all the lawyers; the doctors buy a medical library for the use of all doctors; the Atheneum supplies its patrons with four books each per week; the college library is free to all connected with

the institution; in Newport the Redwood and the "People's" libraries are free, and to crown all, the State obliges the towns and cities to supply all school-books. Is it any wonder the booksellers are driven from all business thoroughfares to the bye-ways and alleys?

The most extraordinary *expose* of the terrible injustice of the present system of taxation ever made, is that issued by the State of Illinois, with specific reference to Chicago. The American Journal of Civics has this paragraph concerning this injustice, which paragraph is, I think, compiled from this report:

"Recent disclosures as to taxation methods in Chicago indicate a condition of affairs so unjust as to arouse the indignation of honest tax-payers. It is probable that Chicago is not singular in its disregard of equal rights, and it is to be hoped that the startling exhibit made will call general attention to the necessity of measures which shall everywhere insure equal justice to all taxpayers. It appears that the Pullman Palace Car Company's properties, valued at over \$60 000,000, are assessed at less than \$2 000,000; Chicago City Railway Company's property, real value, \$29,700 000, is assessed at \$1,360,000; North Chicago City Railway, real value, \$13,525,000, assessed at \$517,000; West Chicago City Railway, real value over 6 000,000, assessed \$510,000; state banks, real value nearly \$19,000,000, assessed about \$43,000; capital and surplus, state banks, real value, \$24 666 000, assessed, \$1,827,000; capital and surplus, national banks, real value over \$35 000,000, assessed \$3 913,000, and so on with an indefinite list of incorporations whose taxes are shamefully shirked upon owners of homes, and other less "fortunate" citizens."

This is simply barefaced robbery of the poorer owners of houses; and it is only in degree that it differs from the "system", here in Providence; and a man who avails it is a "disorganizer" of society, is he?

Will you kindly observe the care with which both the *Telegram* and the *Journal* exercised in obscuring the expressions

concerning *Taxation* which were used by Mayor McGuinness. Look at the lands taxed at a valuation of one cent per foot, for which, when a poor man wants a bit for a home, he is asked 30 cents per foot; and look at the State House lands, taxed at 40 cents; when the people wanted a piece they were made to pay \$1 25. The system of taxation is simply legalized robbery.

A ratherish clever book has recently been published, entitled the *Table Talk of Shirlry*. It is a collection of gossip concerning certain modern literary people, among them Thackeray, Tyndall, Rossetti, Froude, &c. &c. Of course, it is light, but nevertheless entertaining. It is really curious to observe the care which Rossetti took to see that very favorable reviews of his works were published in the leading Reviews, to wit, in *Fraser*, and the *Fortnightly*, in *Cornhill*, &c., and the care he took to "time" his publication days with the issue of these "fake" reviews, so that they might come "red hot" together.

Mr. John Skelton, a Scottish Advocate, for that is the name of this book, gives some curious opinions of Sir Walter Scott. Mr. Skelton attributes the failure of Scott's publishers to the land hunger of Scott—he wanted the *Earth*; it was his master passion, and he sacrificed every other interest to get it; had he attended to business, it would not have collapsed. Again, Mr. Skelton says that Scott did not wish to be known as a novelist, because he did not consider it quite respectable; and so we fools have given immortality to a man for doing that which the man himself considered contemptible. This book by Mr. Skelton is certainly amusing.

Within the radius of four miles of the "Great Bridge" in Providence, live and labor more than 200,000 people, and yet there is but one daily morning newspaper worth mentioning now published among them. It is a shame and a disgrace to our civilization, and most dangerous to the real welfare of the community.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 11, 1896.

The January number of the "New England Magazine" opens appropriately with an article on "The Winter Birds of New England," by Mr. W. E. Cram. A very charming article it is, and exquisitely illustrated by its author, who is a young New Hampshire naturalist. The article is inspired by a love of nature as true as that of Thoreau, and shows a familiarity with the habits of the birds and an exactness of description which give promise that a most useful student and writer is coming into this interesting field.

In the January *Century's* "Open Letters" there is a clear account of "The Eastern Question and Questions," by Edward M. Bliss, and a series of hitherto unpublished letters by Webster, Calhoun, and William Wirt, giving "Advice to a Young Lawyer" on courses of legal study, together with an article on "The New Lady" by Rebecca L. Leeke. "In Lighter Vein" it contains a humorous article by Walter Kennedy.

Nothing more delightful than the study of Charades has ever been found among all the plays of wit. In this charming study, Thackeray is said to have found that rest for the body and refreshment for the mind which every one of us, at one time or another, stands so much in need. Just now Lee & Shepard have published a collection of these *Charades*, original in character, and 116 in number, written by Mr. Herbert Ingalls. Blank spaces with numbers are at the end of the volume in which to write your guesses, and a while hence the genuine answers will be published. *BOOK NOTES* will give you a specimen:

My First is the name of the master of "Schneider,"

Who goes with the gun in pursuance of game;
My Second is what an ambitious outsider

Might give at the door of the temple of fame.

Surrounded by weeds and incrusts with mosses

Where winds to the morning make music or moan,

Where landward the surge of the ocean wave tosses,

My whole is — a wall of irregular stone.

And *BOOK NOTES* guesses that *Rip-rap* will be the answer.

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How Aaron White Squelched a Requisition on the Governor of Connecticut for the Arrest of Gov. Dorr.

It has been much the fashion during these later years for men to write reminiscences, or quasi historical papers upon the "Dorr" War. Among the most valuable of these papers is that written by the late Ex-Gov. Dyer in 1888, valuable not for its "history" but for the picture of the time, and the state of mind then prevalent. Quite recently comes a new aspirant for historical fame in the line of this fruitful subject in Mr. Francello G. Jillson. He purports to give "Squire" Aaron White's narrative of the part which he played in "preventing" the Governor of Connecticut from complying with the requisition made upon him for the return of Mr. Dorr, by urging the Governor of Connecticut to comply with the request, and giving the "Reasons why Dorr was not returned."

Mr. Jillson was, like "Squire" White, once a "celebrated" lawyer of Woonsocket. This is the tale:

Mr. White, learning that Gov. King had issued a requisition on Gov. Cleveland of Connecticut for Dorr, and that mounted messengers were on their way to Hampton Hill (where Cleveland dwelt) with the document, hastened on foot, as was his wont when in a hurry, across the

country to Hampton, (distance from Providence 36 miles, from Woonsocket 29 miles in a direct line,) "and at once rapped at the front door of Gov. Cleveland's residence." Cleveland's daughter answered the knock, but evaded White's inquiry until White disclosed to the young lady the urgency of his mission, whereupon she directed White to Gov. Cleveland's law office, a one-story building right in his yard.

Thereupon White introduced himself to Gov. Cleveland; then Cleveland informed White that he had been advised that a requisition from Gov. King was on its way, for the arrest and delivery of Mr. Dorr; and that he, Cleveland, was desirous of refusing the honor, and was seeking authorities to warrant his refusal, and "asked Squire White to help him out." The Squire advised him to shut up his books and comply with the request of the Governor of Rhode Island, for he couldn't find precedent strong enough to warrant a refusal; and the Squire suggested that the warrant be given a certain officer whom he named, and that he (the Squire) would take care of the rest, at the same time giving the Governor a significant look. And the Governor said he would do as Squire White suggested and bade him good day. As the Squire passed down the hill across the lots towards Thompson, he saw several finely

mounted gentlemen riding up the hill on horses white with perspiration, (flecked with foam, would have been more poetic,) and knew they were the messengers with Gov. King's requisition bound for Gov. Cleveland. The Squire then saw the officer into whose hands the warrant was to be placed by Gov. Cleveland, and advising the officer of a "very circuitous way to go to find Dorr—the Squire then hastened to Dorr, informed him of the situation and advised him to make tracks for New Hampshire."

Such is Mr. Jillson's tale, and as a confirmation of its truthfulness, Mr. Jillson says: "I resolved to visit Hampton Hill, and if possible see Gov. Cleveland's home and the law office in the yard," and he went, and he saw, and he wrote. Now let us apply to it about five minutes of criticism:

The Arsenal was threatened with attack by the Dorr party 18th May, 1842. The attack failed, and Mr. Dorr left the State, going into Connecticut. (King's Life Dorr, p. 129.) Believing that Dorr was in Connecticut, Gov. King made a requisition on Gov. Cleveland for his arrest one week later. 25th May, 1842. (King's Life Dorr, p. 131.) Gov. Cleveland at the time made no answer, but in August following replied, nearly three months intervening.

Mr. Dorr came back into Rhode Island, was in Chepachet June 25th, 26th and 27th, writing at Glocester on the 27th June, the order dismissing the military and giving up the struggle.

Mr. Dorr left Rhode Island for the second time, on the 27th June, and went first into Connecticut. More than a month later, to wit, 30th July, 1842, Gov. King again addressed a letter Gov. Cleveland asking the surrender of Mr. Dorr. Ex-Gov. L. H. Arnold was the bearer of this second letter. (Cleveland and Hubbard Letters, page 3.)

August 13th, 1842, Gov. Cleveland replied at length to Gov. King in a letter

covering four closely printed pages, setting forth his position. No warrant was ever issued. Gov. Cleveland says, "Your requisition of 25th May came to me during the session of our General Assembly, at New Haven. It was known that Mr. Dorr was not in Connecticut, and it was also known that he was in New York." (Cleveland's Letters, page 4.) Gov. Cleveland showed the Rhode Island authorities that neither Gov. King nor Ex-Gov. Arnold had ever *asserted*, much less *shown*, that Mr. Dorr was in Connecticut. (Cleveland's Letters, page 4.)

In the light of history, what becomes of this Jillson-White nonsense? It goes with so much other similar rubbish into the vast heap of Rhode Island historical rotteness. Mr. Jillson's paper appeared originally in the *Pawtucket Gazette*, and was thence taken into the *Pascoag Herald*.

The change, apparently, of the name "Red Bridge" to Central Bridge strikes us at first unpleasantly. Why could not the name "Red Bridge," so pleasantly familiar to the present generation, have been preserved. Historically, the weight of evidence lies with the name "Central." This bridge grew from a ferry. This ferry was established in 1678 (Hist. Tract 15, p. 21); in 1728 the road to this ferry was part of the highway between Boston and New York (Hist. Tract 15, p. 132); in 1740 this road was much improved "for man and horse" (Hist. Tract 15, p. 132); in 1792, the Central Bridge afterwards popularly known as "Red Bridge," had its origin; a popular subscription for it was started, (Prov. Gazette, 25th Feb. 1792.) and the bridge built in 1793. The Harris map of Rhode Island, 1795, gives the name "Central Bridge"; the Anthony map of Providence, 1803, the Anthony map of 1823, the Lockward map of 1835, and the Thompson map of 1869, all give the same. So that it is only in popular conversation that the name now so universally used, "Red Bridge," was ever

given to this structure. The reasons given for the structure indicate the change of the conditions of living here wrought in a century. It was urged that by "opening a communication to the centre of the town all parts may be more equally supplied from the extensive county of Bristol with wood and hay; the College, and those who hereafter build on the Hill may be supplied with wood much easier than by water, or in any other way," &c., &c.

It is time that reform struck the management of sidewalks. Men should be kept from encroachment for business purposes, rent free. Many a man doubles his "store" capacity by the unlawful use of the public thoroughfares. Neither the police nor the city government can grant such uses. The methods in the upper departments of the police need reconstruction in these matters. A patrolman faithful to his office reports to his captain encroachments upon, or defects in sidewalks, and he keeps on reporting—and that is all the good it does, nothing comes of it, and the rascally wrong goes on. Now then, captain, why not respectfully refer to the chief, and why not chief, either prosecute or respectfully refer to the commissioner of public works. And Mr. patrolman, every night when you go in report these wrongs until the remedy is applied.

Mr. Wood has given us a "Roger Williams" pitcher and a "Rhode Island" jug. Now will he give us a "Loving" cup in memory of Mary Dyer, a Rhode Island Quakeress, whom those enlightened Puritans of 1666 hanged on Boston Common; hanged for her virtues; the most heroic among all the New England women. Charles Lamb, in one of his delightful essays thus describes the dress of a Quaker: "The very garments of a Quaker seem incapable of receiving a soil; and cleanliness in them to be something

more than absence of its contrary; every Quakeress is a lily; and when they come up in bands to their Whitsun conferences whitening the eastern streets of the metropolis, they show like troops of the Shining Ones." Near by us there dwells one of these Quakeress lilies, a direct descendant from the martyr-heroine Mary Dyer; print her image clad in this beautiful costume of the Quakeress which Charles Lamb pictures, on one side of this "Loving" cup, with a proper legend upon the other, and the cherished memory of this splendid woman will find a resting place in many a Rhode Island cottage.

The papers on the planet *Mars*, written last year by Mr. Percival Lowell, and published in the *Atlantic*, and which attracted world wide attention, were but a prelude to a fine book upon *Mars* by Mr. Lowell, recently issued by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Very much in this book is quite within the comprehension of us ordinary mortals. It seems wondrous strange, this discussion of the atmosphere, the water, the weather, the grass, and the comparative sizes of men to ourselves on so distant a planet; but, bless me, how small we seem; how it takes the *ego* out of us. Instead of taking a novel out of the Public Library, (few men now buy books,) take out this book; it may be novel to you.

The Metaphysical Magazine for January has an exceedingly suggestive paper on "Hypnotic Suggestion and Crime." The conclusion reached by the author, Dr. Wines, is that while there may be some danger from those criminally inclined, no danger whatever exists with those of sound moral principles, and previous rectitude of life. This magazine has now a department of Psychic Experience, in which Thought transference has some curious illustrations, and the Phenomena of Dreams is discussed. The most curious thing about dreams is, that they are dreams, mental actions outside of human control.

A very learned paper, written by George R. Stetson of Washington, D. C., entitled *The Animistic Vampire in New England*, was published in the *American Anthropologist* for January, 1896, and has been printed in pamphlet form from that periodical. Mr. Stetson has entered somewhat upon an account of this extraordinary superstition in Rhode Island, which he characterizes as a "singular survival of the night-demon superstition of the old world." Several years since the writer of BOOK NOTES offered (upon request) a paper, carefully written upon this subject, to the *Journal*, which was rejected on the ground of sensationalism, and the fatherly advice given to send it to some New York weekly. It was sent to the *Evening Post* and printed in that sensational sheet; and now comes the sensational Boston *Evening Transcript* with a condensation of Mr. Stetson's monograph.

The *Journal* of the 9th inst. published a dispatch sent through the Associated Press from Oklahoma, stating a scandalous lie about Mrs. S. P. Colt, who lives at Bristol, R. I. The *Journal* investigates this dispatch, finds that it is wholly a lie, then prints it on its most prominent page, and underneath it the *Journal* says, "it lacks the elements of truth." Has Mrs. S. P. Colt no rights which the newspapers are bound to respect? Having found that the whole story was a lie, why was it necessary for the *Journal* to give it its greatest circulation?

The Father of Lies must have been a newspaper editor, and his children, provided he had the power of propagation, must have been reporters.

The Illinois Legislative Commissioners in their recent report to the Legislature, uses this language concerning taxation in Chicago. It must not be overlooked that these figures are in every case taken from the records:

"How can the fraudulent character of these valuations be doubted? Make all possible allowance for difference of opinion, and still assessors cannot explain the valuation of \$50,000 property at \$2,450; of \$9,000 property at \$3,600; of \$175,000 property at \$7,980; of \$1,300,000 property at \$71,960, and so on. And what explanation can the owners make? They may say it is no part of their business to object to under-valuation of their property, but they would not try to satisfy a merchant with such an explanation of purchases from his clerks at prices so monstrously out of proportion to real value. Why is their standard of honor and honesty so radically different when the issue is with the people instead of a merchant? and over a question of shirking taxes instead of pilloining goods? This question is the dilemma of those owners who passively acquiesce in under-valuations; those who actively promote them have a worse moral problem to deal with."

Things here in Providence are run on precisely similar lines. Ultimately the plain truth will have to be told, and reform must come.

The January number, Publications of the Rhode Island Historical Society, has the second instalment of Mr. Dorr's paper concerning the land divisions and difficulties among the first proprietors; but still the editor, Mr. Amos Perry, makes no reference to the forgeries in the original deed of Providence which I have set forth. How is it possible to erect a sound, historical structure upon a forged foundation, as this foundation certainly is? This forged deed the Historical Society has over and over again printed as genuine; twice it has done so since my exposure. How long is this to continue? On this forgery rested the claims of Harris and Arnold and their partners; on the success of the conspiracy depended the existence of Rhode Island; had Arnold and Harris succeeded there would have been no Rhode Island.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE R. I., Jan. 25, 1895.

The Historical Society asks for information concerning *Vampirism* in Rhode Island. Goto BOOK NOTES, Vol. 9, p. 73. See also a notice of Mr. Stetson's recent monograph in this issue.

The Historical Society asks for the *facts* in the "pig case," concerning the war of 1812. The writer mildly suggests that there are no facts. See BOOK NOTES. Vol. 5, p. 133.

"Compulsory vaccination is illegal. The right to compel a person to undergo a certain prophylactic treatment has no existence under our government."—Mr. Justice *Gaynor* of Brooklyn, N. Y. Why then, Mr. Darling, instead of wasting time

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The *Independent Citizen* of 4 Jan., 1896, contains an elaborate article entitled *A City's Shame*, in which occurs this paragraph: "The Hon. Mr. Burbank is trustee for and controls two large estates on Clemence, Worcester and Union streets. * * The Union end of this estate is the old Arlington Hotel, a house whose character and reputation needs no comment nor explanation; the house at the other end of the estate, on the corner of Clemence and Worcester streets, was until recently one of the worst dives in the city, and was rented by a prostitute named Blanchard at \$40 a month," &c., &c. I had an indistinct memory of a case brought by Attorney General Burbank before the grand jury of November, 1893, of which unfortunate body of men it was my misfortune to be a member, a case against Lillian Blanchard, "for keeping a house of ill-fame resorted to for prostitution." With a view of refreshing my slumbering memory I have looked up this case. It was the identical one upon which the Attorney General laid me before the court. Let us look into it a bit:

On the 7th July, 1893, a warrant was issued by the Chief of Police against Lillian Blanchard, reciting that complaint was made 1st July, 1892, that she "did keep and maintain a grog-shop and tipping-shop, and building, place and tenement, used for the illegal sale and keep-

ing of intoxicating liquors, and as a house of ill-fame and resorted to for prostitution, lewdness," &c.

On the 8th July, 1893, a warrant was sworn out by the Chief of Police against Lillian Blanchard, alleging that she did "keep and suffer to be kept on his premises, in his possession, and under his charge, ale, wine, rum, and other strong and intoxicating liquors, * * with intent to sell the same." Of these charges Miss Blanchard was found guilty, appealed, and the cases went to the September term, 1893, of the Common Pleas end of the Supreme Court. The Attorney General laid before the grand jury the last charge of the first warrant, to wit., "keeping a house of ill-fame," &c., and asked an indictment. This indictment I resisted on the ground that the "males" connected with Miss Blanchard were not brought in with her.

The grand jury listened to the evidence submitted by Mr. Burbank, and they listened to the additional evidence wrenched from the unwilling witnesses by the foreman of the grand jury, and refused to indict Miss Blanchard. The Attorney General then assailed the foreman, and demanded a second voting—we kindly submitted—the result was the same. Mr. Burbank watched the men who voted "no," and "went for" them, demanding (yes, actually demanding,) a ballot. To

this, too, we submitted, and an indictment of Miss Blanchard resulted—myself alone resisting it. This indictment, (Case No. 112,) in the handwriting of Attorney General Burbank, and signed by him, is still resting in the office of Mr. Clerk Webster. There is upon the indictment no indication of locality, neither state, city, town, street nor number, nor the slightest indication of any personal connection of Mr. Burbank with this case in any relation other than that of a State prosecuting officer. But it so happened that when the case was called, Miss Blanchard defaulted, and a *capias* was issued; this document rests with the indictment, and on it is written in pencil, a street and number, thus, "67 Clemence St." The Providence Directory for 1893 gives the residence of Miss Lillian Blanchard as at 67 Clemence street; and the books of the tax assessors give this property as being taxed to Robert W. Burbank, trustee for Nathaniel W. Stearns; it has been so for years and is so still. The Directory for the next year, 1894, gives the residence of Miss Blanchard as at No. 14 Clemence, but this is the same house, for the Record of street signs and numbers has the entry made in February, 1894—House No. 67 was changed to No. 14.

Lillian Blanchard lived in this house, and "run it," in July, 1892, was then under complaint, and continued to live there until nearly July 1st, 1894. She was there through all those affairs, covering two years, and all this time Attorney General Burbank held the property as trustee. But Mr. Burbank personally appears to have had no connection as between landlord and tenant with Miss Blanchard. A certain Mr. Pooler informs me that he lived there, at 67 Clemence street, with Miss Blanchard, and that the house was hired in his name, and in his name the rent bills ran; that he paid the money to a lawyer, Mr. Butterworth, whose office was in Custom House street, and that Mr. Butterworth receipted for somebody whose

name, Mr. Pooler did not remember; but the Directory of 1893 places this Mr. Pooler at No. 5 Walnut street. I have sought diligently in the Directory of 1893 for a Mr. Butterworth on Custom House street; the only entry is "Lawyer, 17 Custom House St., room 23," but this was Mr. Burbank's office in 1893, and for aught I know is his office now. If this was done as a cover it shows that something was being done by somebody which it was best to keep "shady." But the indictment drawn by Mr. Burbank discloses the fact of his knowledge of the character of Lillian Blanchard; and the evidence shows that Lillian Blanchard lived in a house held in trust by Mr. Burbank at that time, and long before, and long after. The case against Lillian Blanchard is still pending,—it always will be pending. Mr. Burbank could never prosecute this woman over whom he was the actual landlord. The first question Miss Blanchard's counsel would ask would not only have knocked Mr. Burbank out of court, but would have knocked the Attorney General out of office. Listen to the Statute, chapter 80, Public Laws, Sec. 1: "All buildings or tenements used as houses of ill fame, resorted to for prostitution, lewdness, &c., &c., are declared common nuisances." Sec. 2. "Every person keeping such common nuisance shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than one year. Sec. 5. Every person who shall let any building or tenement owned by him, or under his control, for any of the purposes enumerated in section one of this chapter, or who shall knowingly permit any such building or tenement, or part thereof to be so used while under his control, or who shall after five days notice from any officer, ** of any such use omit to take all reasonable measures to eject the tenant or occupant from said premises, as soon as the same may be lawfully done, shall be deemed

and taken to be guilty of aiding in the maintenance of such nuisance, and shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than sixty days nor more than a year." *Sec. 4* makes all leases or terms of letting such tenements void.

Such being the relations between the prosecutor Burbank and the prosecuted Lillian Blanchard, we can scarcely wonder that the case is still pending. It was for my opposing him on this case that the Attorney General presented me to the court for reprimand, or something worse. His escape at that moment was the result of my ignorance of these facts. When I urged that the "men" implicated with this woman should have been presented in all fairness with her, I little anticipated that my genial friend held those relations. Mr. Burbank's horror at my proposition can now be understood. But is such action what you call an administration of Justice?

Mr. Burbank is now a "Reform" Alderman, having been elected at the recent election. It was indeed time for reformation, and BOOK NOTES will watch with special interest the municipal history for the present year. Don't let me write next November—"by any other name he'd smell as sweet." Stand for that which is true, even if you stand alone; there is hope even for Mr. Burbank. He is young, and

"Satan trembles when he sees
The WEAKEST sinner on his knees."

Domestic infelicity is to-day the worst infliction upon civilized life. Divorce courts are always open. The thing has come to be a common scandal. Were the seeds sown by modern fiction, or is modern fiction a symptom? Whichever is cause or effect, the result is the same; both flourish simultaneously; and the free libraries of to-day are the great sources of supply to people of this fiction.

There are forty-one free libraries in Rhode Island assisted by the General Assembly. Three-fourths of all books taken out of these libraries are novels. Why not license free public libraries, and contribute the State money to free lager? Last week in commenting upon these things, BOOK NOTES classed the People's Library at Newport among those State beneficiaries. BOOK NOTES was mistaken. This library has never been the recipient of money either from the city or the State, and BOOK NOTES reduces its number from 42 to 41 beneficiaries.

The February *Century* well sustains its accustomed interest. Among the articles of special interest are "Pope Leo XIII. and his Household," by Marion Crawford, a personal account of the daily life of the Pope, accompanied by portraits and pictures from photographs of the Pope's private apartments taken for this article, and not elsewhere accessible. This paper, written without religious bias, cannot fail to interest any one who appreciates the position of Leo XIII. at the head of a great religious organization, Henry M. Stanley retells the Story of the Development of Africa" in a fresh way with reference to current events, and at a time when the Dark Continent is attracting particular attention, his article will be read with interest. Capt. Alfred T. Mahan, the distinguished naval critic, contributes the first of several papers on Nelson's naval victories, dealing with "Nelson at Cape St. Vincent," which is illustrated with portraits and diagrams. There is, besides, a Maryland paper which will well repay the reading.

Mr. Henry Wood has collected into a volume certain lectures and essays—some of the latter of which have been published in certain magazines—under the title, *Studies in the Thought World*, further explained in a sub-title, *Practical Mind Art*. This volume is published by Lee & Shep-

ard. The papers of which the volume is composed are wholly metaphysical, or psychological in character; and are evolutionary or revolutionary in method; thought education, or mental science is their purpose. Mr. Wood's idea appears to be to invigorate methods in thinking, to nourish and strengthen those who desire to think, and to give freedom and fresh force to exhausted minds. Mr. Wood is himself a man of original thought,—he is an idealist; and, which is not always the case with writers upon abstract subjects, he has a clear style of composition; having himself an idea, he has the gift of conveying it to you, with the same clear understanding of it which he himself possesses. This is a rare gift. In apologizing for restating certain established principles, Mr. Wood says: "Vital truth needs repeated and positive delineation in order that it may become mentally graphic." That is true; but it is shameful. This book is a book for thinking people.

The stupendous ignorance of business men is cleverly illustrated by a little transaction which happened here in Providence within a month. A woman keeping a little shop bought some twine of a dealer. The twine was sent with the bill, \$2.00; the woman wrote a check for the amount. At the end of the month, finding her book account would not balance with her bank book, she applied at the bank for information, and was shown this \$2.00 check, which had been increased 60 cents by the business man, who explained his act by saying that he found he had charged the woman 60 cents less than he should have done, and added the amount to his check. It was nothing less than forgery; he was a check raiser; it is a State prison offence; and this by a leading business man.

The types made me say that Mary Dyer was hanged on Boston Common in 1666. Of course no date is more firmly fixed; it was in 1660. Mary Dyer was first banished from Massachusetts because she

was a Quaker; she went back into Massachusetts, was sentenced to be hanged for coming back; she was taken to the scaffold in a tree on Boston Common; under the piteous appeals of her husband she was reprieved, and taken out of Massachusetts. "*With singular infatuation*," as Mr. S. G. Arnold says, (Hist. R. I. V. 1, p. 273,) "she returned in the following spring while the General Court was in session, was arrested, and hung," June 1st, 1660; but I say, she died a martyr to the cause of religious liberty.

Here's what Mr. Longfellow told Mary Anderson to do: "His first advice to me, which I have followed for years, was: 'See some good picture—in Nature if possible—or on canvas; head a page of the best music, or read a great poem daily. You will always find a free half hour for one or the other, and at the end of the year your mind will shine with such an accumulation of jewels as to astonish even yourself.'"—Mary Anderson's *Remembrances in Ladies Home Journal*. That's just as good for you and for me, as it was for Mary. Suppose we try it.

The series of articles on New England cities and towns is continued in the February New England Magazine by an admirable paper on "Modern Providence," by Robert Grieve. Few cities have undergone such great changes during the last thirty years as Providence, and Mr. Grieve describes with the enthusiasm of a loyal Providence man the reforms, amounting almost to revolutions, which are now going on in the city. His article is beautifully illustrated, and the people of Providence certainly have occasion for gratitude to the magazine for the splendid showing here made for them.

It matters not what it is, save that it is effective; but some system of filtration for the Pawtuxet must be found. Will the City Council lay aside politics and act for the public good?

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 8, 1896.

With \$3, you may be a far richer, and far happier man than I, with \$300; and either of us than Jenkins with \$3000. Questions of wealth or happiness, or wisdom, are outside of money or mathematics.

The February *Arena* has a fresh article on Mexico by a man who declares that he actually saw what he describes. Mr. Ridpath has a paper on the Bond and the Dollar; and Prof. Parsons of the Boston Law School, a paper on the Telegraph Monopoly. There is a paper by Dr. Forbes Winslow on the delineation of "madness," as shown by Shakespeare. Dr. Winslow is one of the most distinguished men in this line of human infirm-

ities now living. Let us not forget that Dr. Isaac Ray, so long at Butler Asylum as its physician, treated this subject not only beautifully, but scholarly and well.

While squirming to escape the terrors of three grand juries, for committing a murderous assault in the highways, Mr. D. F. Lingane has wrought a reconstruction of the system. It is the irony of fate. Mr. Lingane is a reformer in spite of himself.

Sidney H. Everett's paper on Unclaimed Estates, in the *Atlantic*, gives minute and most interesting information in regard to the large European estates which are supposed to be awaiting American claimants. Mr. Everett's long diplomatic career has afforded him every opportunity of securing inside information.

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PASCOAG.

This is a pretty, thriving manufacturing village in the northwestern corner of Rhode Island. The first appearance of the name as an independent local habitation was in the census of 1865, wherein Dr. Snow says it was without boundaries, and had a population of 722. The name Pascoag plays small part in the legislation or history of Rhode Island, but it figures in literature. In the opening of the account of the *Great Slocum Dinner*, given by the *Journal* in March, 1843, it is related that "a detachment of the Harmonious Reptiles and the Pascoag Loafers" were to escort Slocum to the Smithfield line on his way to Providence to partake of this imaginary dinner. The late Senator Anthony, the author of the *Dorriad*, also alludes to the name, in that chaste and polished manner in which the *Journal* discoursed of those who differed politically from it. The subject was the attack on the Arsenal:

"When the Invincibles turned tail,
The other corps began to quail,
And looked which way to fly,
The Harmonious Reptiles turned about,
The Pascoag Ripguts joined the rout,
With Gloster's chosen chivalry."

These "Harmonious Reptiles" and "Pascoag Ripguts," and "Johnston Savages," differed only from Senator Anthony in that they thought a constitution ought to

be substituted for the charter in 1842. Mr. Anthony was opposed to having a constitution, and in these terms he classed those who thought differently. So far as I can now recall, these allusions cover the references in literature to Pascoag.

The locality came into, what came subsequently to be, the colony of Rhode Island, by one of the "confirmation" deeds obtained by William Harris in 1659. First it was in the town of Providence; in 1731 Glocester was erected, and Pascoag was in Glocester; in 1806, Burrillville was erected, and Pascoag was in Burrillville; and there it still remains.

Pascoag plays no part in the history of Providence; in the history of Glocester (Mrs. Perry's) it appears but indirectly, thus—"The Nipmuck Indians extended from Massachusetts and Connecticut into the northwest corner of this state; * * the small *Passcoag* tribe roamed a little south of the Nipmucks." This question of Indian jurisdiction is incapable of solution, and least of all, the territory of the Nipmucks; but whence comes the authority for the statement that there was an Indian tribe named *Passcoag* ever here; the present writer does not know; he believes it is mythological. It is evident that sufficient interest exists in the name to make a passing Book Note. Let us begin. Mr. Perry, in the census of 1835, gave no population to villages; but con-

cerning the name Pascoag, he gave it to a village, a river, a pond, a granite quarry, and a tribe of Indians. Dr. Usher Parsons, in his *Indian Names of Places*, gives two spellings, thus—Pascoag, and Pascoage, and applies the name to a River, and a Falls, which he says is on the south side of Burrillville, which means, of course, that it (whatever it is) is outside of the town. Dr. Parsons, with his accustomed stupidity, cites as his authority, Registry of Deeds, Providence, page 160. Mr. James H. Olney, in his *Olney Genealogy*, page 16, gives the name as from a Will of Epenetus Olney, 1735, and spells it Pask Koorge. Mr. John Austin gives the name in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, page 353, from the same Epenetus Olney Will, but spells it Paskhoge. Certainly, both cannot be correct, and the truth is, neither is correct, for the word as clearly written as if it were printed, is spelled *Paskhoage*. I have purposely left until the last to be noticed, that which possibly should have been first, to wit, Mr. H. A. Keach's *History of Burrillville*. This book, written by a young lawyer never trained in historical research, was published in 1836. Concerning Pascoag Mr. Keach says: "There was another tribe, called Pas-co-ag Indians; one of our villages still retains the name; it is a ledgy place, and furnishes among the rocks around a secure retreat for snakes. In the Indian dialect the term *coag* meant a snake, and when they (quere, the snake or the Indian) went by this locality, they said, Pass-coag."

The historical literature of Rhode Island is specially rich in absurdities of this character; but there is certainly nothing in this line superior to this by Mr. Keach. He says the word is Indian—actually the name of a tribe; it is a compound word, half English, "Pass," and half alleged Indian, "coag." Whence did the Indian get the English word to prefix to their "coag"? did they exist unnamed until the arrival of the English? It is too absurd for argu-

ment. But this is the source of the Indian tribe story, which the later writers have followed. Where did Mr. Keach find it? Nowhere. The name Pascoag is not of great antiquity in Rhode Island history; it does not appear in the *Early Records of Providence*, now in course of publication, and which are well into the 18th century. So far as we now know, the earliest mention of the name, documentary mention, occurs in a deed by William Gulley in March, 1720; following this comes the Olney Will of 1735. The Gulley deed is the authority which Dr. Parsons attempted to cite, but failed. It will be found in volume 4, Records of Deeds, page 160. These two items discredit the statement by Mr. Keach (page 23), that "the earliest English settlers at Pascoag were of the Salisbury family, in or near, 1786." There must have been Englishmen dwelling there half a century earlier; and the name of one of the plantations so occupied was *Sweate Fearn Plaine*, which Epenetus Olney gave to his son in 1735. Now, then, concerning the meaning of Pascoag, and its construction, for upon both points I am about to suggest new opinions. Dr. J. Hammond Trumbull, long regarded as the chief authority in these Indian languages, says "the name belongs to land at the branch or crotch of the rivers." By rivers, Trumbull here refers to the Pascoag river and Branch river; but the village of Pascoag is not near this place of union of the streams. There is another village not far from Pascoag, but in the town of Glocester, with the Indian name *Chepachet*; this name Dr. Trumbull defines "as the place of division or the fork of the river." There is still another word defined by Trumbull as "at the crotch of the river," to wit, Woonasquatucket. Now it seems impossible that all these words mean the same thing; the Indian languages were not so copious. With no pretension to a knowledge of Indian philology, it seems to me that this word, Pascoag, has an altogether

different meaning. Roger Williams gives the word, "askug," which he says means a snake, and he gives the pronunciation of it, "askoog." Now all that the English did was to prefix a P, and we have Paskoog. The origin and the meaning is too obvious.

With March the *Atlantic Monthly* begins two important series of papers. The Irish in American Life, by H. C. Merwin, is the first of the promised articles on Race Characteristics in American Life. Under the general heading, The Case of the Public School, the Atlantic will discuss the payment and standing of teachers throughout the country. Over ten thousand teachers have been requested to contribute information as the basis of these papers. The first appearing is by G. Stanley Hall, President of Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Here is an extract from Mr. Hall's paper:

"The fact that so small a fraction of the teachers in the public schools have had any normal or professional training shows, also, how few regard it as a life-work. Of the \$95,000,000 paid for salaries of teachers for 15,000,000 children of this country, a large proportion is thus spent upon untrained and unskilled teachers who have little interest in making their work professional. No business could ever succeed or was ever conducted on such principles, and when we reflect that the "prentice hand" is here tried upon human flesh, blood, and souls, the waste in all these respects is appalling. Those who claim that teaching can be learned only by experience are in part right, but even the school of experience is wretchedly inadequate in this country."

The excuse commonly given for "clipping" horses in winter is, that it prevents the animal from taking cold from perspiration. Have colds among horses been less frequent since this barbarous practice was begun? Better, far better, give no

excuse than such a one, which no effort of the human reason can maintain. Note what the authorities say about the uses of the hair:

"The hair coating which envelopes the bodies of animals is manifestly intended as a protection against cold."—Dunglison's Physiology, vol. 1, page 77.

"In man the general covering of hairs doubtless contributes to the warmth and proper electric conditions of the skin. The object of the hair in animals is obvious."—Appleton's Cyclopedia, vol. 8, page 385.

"The hair is the natural clothing of all our domestic quadrupeds; it is some protection from violence, and more so from cold; and it varies with the climate in which they live."—The Horse, by Youatt, page 372.

"The primary object of clothing is to retard the escape of heat from the body."—Lyman's Home Physician, p. 1064.

"Custom has properly retained the hair on farm animals; nature would not have given it had it not been useful; it preserves an equal temperature in the parts," &c.—The Horse, by Youatt, p. 279

Mr. F. A. Crandall has been appointed quite recently *Superintendent of Documents*, which means Public Documents at Washington, D. C., and has issued his First Report. To a bookish man it is interesting reading. Such a condition of chaos as Mr. Crandall exhibits is positively astounding. Let me illustrate, by giving you what Mr. Crandall says with reference to the present "system" of naming and numbering volumes which reaches the height of absurdity in the series known as Message and Documents, "which, though it comprises a score of volumes, has been all called House Executive Document No. 1. This No. 1 is, however, divided into eight parts, and several of these parts are divided into volumes, which are again divided into parts. Thus, volume 4 of the House Ex-

cutive Documents is part 2 of Document No. 1, and it is also volume 2 of part 2, and it is also part 2 of part 2 of volume 2. Its full designation is part 2 of part 2 of volume 2 of part 2 of No. 1, and volume 4. The same book is at the same time three parts, two volumes, and one number. Volume 14, House Executive Documents, goes a step farther, having seven designations, namely, part 2 of part 2 of volume 4 of part 5 of No. 1 of part 2, and volume 14. Of course all these designations are never put into practical use. There is probably not a man living who could tell off hand what is the subject-matter of part 2 of part 2 of volume 4 of part 5 of No. 1 of part 2, volume 14, of the House Executive Documents of the Fifty-first Congress, second session. One might as well try to commit to memory the lettering on a Chinese tea chest as charge one's mind with such a rigmarole."

If ever a clear head was needed to classify and arrange such a mass, this is the occasion, and Mr. Crandall's *Report* is proof that such a head is mounted on Mr. Crandall's shoulders.

A plumber repaired a leak in water pipe for us. In doing so, he failed to make tight a joint; it leaked but only a drop now and then—so slight that for some months we took no notice of it. Finally we called in the same plumber to remedy the little defect. While at work he asked us for some sand; we had emery cloth and sand paper, but no sand; he had forgotten to bring some, he said, and he should be obliged to go to the shop to get some; he was gone two hours,—his time charged to us was at 45 cents per hour. His forgetting his sand cost us 90 cents, plus the sand. This second job of repairing was made necessary by the faulty work of the first repairing, done by the same plumber, and cost us \$5.60.

What is an education acquired in the manner in which the seven suspended stu-

dents of Brown University were acquiring it worth, either to the students, or to the University? On the part of the students it was stealing, or lying, or fraud, or deceit; dishonest in every way; cheating their fathers, or mothers, or friends, and dishonoring the University. What credit to the University follows the graduation of such men? None whatever. On the contrary, it is a positive detriment; better, a thousand times better, expel them. No harm can come from expulsion. They would have known nothing had they pursued the entire course. But, *au contraire*, you damn the University. Why? Has it cheated?

The last issue of BOOK NOTES has this item:

"Last week in commenting upon these things, we classed the People's Library at Newport among those State beneficiaries. We were mistaken. This library has never been the recipient of money either from the city or the State, and BOOK NOTES reduces its number from 42 to 41 beneficiaries."

It was positively discreditable. We confessed to an error which we had not made. We received a letter from a distinguished legal friend from Newport, and like Crockett's coon, came down without troubling my legal friend for proof. BOOK NOTES did not say that the People's Library at Newport was among the State beneficiaries. Now we have another letter, from another legal friend at Newport, saying we were in error in classing the Redwood Library as Free. Here BOOK NOTES was in error. Redwood has a system of taxation. It is not a beneficiary, and BOOK NOTES did not say that it was.

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THE BOOK NOTES.

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It is certainly to be hoped that General Wilson and Congressman Page will enable the License Commissioners to tell the truth about their doings. By the way, have the License Commissioners taken out a patent on their method of keeping a record, or is it city property? It is surely an asset for somebody.

The story is terrible; 300 women shut in, in a Waist and Shirt Factory in Troy—the building on fire in the day time. No means of safe escape, unnumbered dead, and neither the owners of the building, nor the owners of the factory, have yet been hanged. Evidently a delay has happened in that Divine Justice about which Plutarch tells us.

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The Forgery connected with the original Deed given to Roger Williams, which the writer of BOOK NOTES has disclosed, does not rest upon an argument, nor upon guess work; it is a plain, palpable fact; but for the purpose of placing the matter in the clearest historical light, the writer has written a *Historical Tract* upon the subject, which will soon be published. The Land Tenure, legal in England when the Providence Plantation was planted, will be shown; the principle of land ownership at first prevailing here; the method of land ownership evidence; the growth of the individual ownership principle; the method of Deed writing; the birth and growth of the principle; the ideas and methods of record; the incipient steps which led to the forgery, the purpose and object of it; and the probable result which would have fallen upon Rhode Island had it succeeded,—all these things will be discussed in this coming Tract, the whole forming a chapter in Rhode Island history hitherto whol'y unwritten, and of the profoundest interest and value.

Mr. Edward Field has prepared for publication, and Mr. Howard W. Preston has published a limited edition (250 copies) of a book entitled "Tax Lists of the Town of Providence, 1686-1689, together with a list of names of all males 16 years of age and upwards residing in Providence in

August, 1688." The Tax Lists are in themselves of small historical value; they may possibly give the relative pecuniary conditions of men, but this is doubtful. The tax lists of to-day give no such knowledge. These lists are curious, but the Tax laws which Mr. Field prints add nothing to our present stock of knowledge on those matters; nor is it really of interest to one to know that relatively, Capt. Arthur Fenner, and Howlong Harris, his wife, were assessed ten shillings, while Joseph Williams paid 5s. 6d. and Richard Waterman only 2 shillings. That which we wish to know is how the people lived, what they did, how they behaved, and what they talked about. But there is a list of names in this book which Mr. Field well says is "the most interesting list." It is that which gives "the names of practically all the males in Providence," * * "sixteen years old and upwards," * * "who are rated (taxed) by ye head." The book would be well worth printing in order to the preservation of this list and the making of it accessible. There were 172 such persons in Providence, which then meant all of Rhode Island north of Warwick in August, 1688.

It has been the fashion to "puff" the work of the Public Library in innumerable private communications in the *Journal*. Here is a specimen, dated Feb. 1.

and signed S. E. D. This writer says: "Every one deeply realizes the inestimable service the Library has rendered the boys and girls in this community; it supplements the school instruction by placing in the hands of teachers and scholars, books on the subjects taught; it does this, too, in the most generous way." A little further along, S. E. D. says: "It is unfortunate that the books most accessible for indiscriminate readers are trashy works of fiction." Then S. E. D. says, "It ought not to be asserted that the young will not read good books." Why not, if it is the truth? Then S. E. D. says: "Give them (the young) the opportunity to obtain them (the books) and then render an opinion." But S. E. D. above says, that the books necessary to "supplement the school instruction" has been supplied by the Library "in the most generous way." Again: "Now that the city supplies free text books, which are returned when a study is finished—*finished*—many homes where formerly old school-books could be consulted, and indeed were the only literature, must depend upon the library for books to answer questions." Now look at this logic. S. E. D. holds that books are the necessary concomitants to an education, but between the Public Library and the Free Text Book system, even the last old school-book has been swept from the home—the family library is a thing of the past; and yet S. E. D., "blows" for these systems, uttering glowing praises to the Public Library for "placing in the hands of teachers and scholars books on the subjects taught." Now, if S. E. D. will consult the official reports of this library, or of any other similar library, he or she will discover that 75 per cent., three-quarters of all the books taken by teachers and scholars, and everybody else, from this library, consists of the thoroughly vicious modern novel. No matter what books go in, novels go out. Book Notes has not half done with this communication, which, by the way,

is only a type of those which are published. Some day BOOK NOTES will return to this paper.

International arbitration is indeed a noble principle, worthy to its place in the grand succession of principles in political life which the two great nations of Anglo Saxons have produced. The article on "The United States, Great Britain and International Arbitration," by Benjamin F. Trueblood, in the March number of the New England Magazine, is therefore especially timely. It presents with force the splendid services of the two nations in this cause, and urges the importance of their standing together as never before in behalf of this great principle, which is the hope of modern politics.

The *Century* for March also has an article upon this same subject, the grandeur of which appears greater and greater the longer one gazes upon it. The article is entitled "The Anachronism of War." An earnest plea is made for arbitration as a "short cut to justice," and as a practicable and necessary measure for the prevention of war between England and America. The writer expresses the opinion that the establishment of a continuous arbitration commission by England and America would result ultimately in the acceptance of the idea by other powers, and concludes: "Herein lies a great opportunity for the English-speaking race to lead mankind to the glorious destiny of peace."

The smothering of the License Commissioner's work is a good thing; there's political nastiness enough in sight to nauseate the stoutest stomach—why expose more? In old times when we wanted a ringing report from a cannon, we rammed down the throat of the piece a big wad of green grass, and we got what we wanted. May be, having these things rammed down our throats enough times a report by and by will come.

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 But so it is—the Bulletin the story told to-night;
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 In doubtful mood I rubbed my eyes and read them o'er again:—
 Yes, there it was, in black and white, conspicuous and plain.
 And when I had convinced myself the words were really there,
 I threw the Bulletin aside and, rising from my chair,
 I paced the carpet to and fro a weary hour or more,
 And in these words my feelings from my surcharged heart, did pour,
 Yes, it has come to pass at last, the "Book Notes" man's been "done"
 By—not only an impostor, but an ordinary one;
 Yes, the man who of hypocrisy says nothing can be worse,
 Has let a pious hypocrite relieve him of his purse.
 He vainly deemed duplicity an ever open book,
 He thought to know a hypocrite at sight by word and look;
 So called "religion," he believed, too often but a blind
 Assumed to screen the wickedness inherent in mankind.
 Yet when this stranger sought his shop and, in a pious tone,
 Inquired for a "cheap Bible"—though he knew himself alone—
 No thought of treachery crossed his mind—no voice within him spoke,
 Reminding him that oftentimes "Religion's but a cloak."
 And so he bled him down the stairs that Bible cheap to find,
 Nor thought him of the dollars in the desk he left behind,
 Nor even when the stranger seemed to think the price too high.
 Did a glimmer of suspicion show in Mr. "Book Notes" eye.
 Not until—but stop! The story, sad, I'll not repeat again,

'Tis all there in the Bulletin in black and white, quite plain,
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 By attempting to transpose it into third rate sort of verse.
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 A Roger Williams romancer, or "land-plate" bringer in,
 A Pawtuxet water councilman, or legal "jury packer,"
 Or any other sort of man of "rings" and "frauds" a "backer,"
 He would have found his little scheme upon the spot defeated;
 And from the shop on Snow street would have hastily retreated;
 But as he asked for Bibles, (though cheap) he won his game,
 For, to even the sharp "Book Notes" man, there's "something in a name."

Yours, with deepest sympathy,

A READER OF BOOK NOTES.

WARREN, Feb. 28, 1896.

On the 3d October, 1894, the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society celebrated the 250th birth-day of the town. A Historical address was delivered by Edwin I. Barney, and a Poem by Thomas W. Bicknell, which, in fact, is a series of poems. The day was essentially a literary one, admirable in tone, and excellent in every way. The address by Gov. Davis is fine in spirit, and it betrays a familiarity with local matters which the editor of Book Notes little suspected our honored ex-Governor possessed; it contains a great many interesting and obscure local facts which persistent research alone could reveal. A good many biographical sketches find places at the end of the book, and there are several portraits; but among them I observe that only the Fathers of Rehoboth are given; were there no Mothers in Rehoboth?

The Nation of the 27th February says: No. 3 of the second series of "Rhode Island Historical Tracts" (Providence: Sidney S. Rider) has for its theme 'A

Century of Lotteries in Rhode Island, 1744-1844,' and for author John H. Stiness. It is one of the most curious and valuable of the series, being a chapter in the evolution of morals; and, as all classes, professions, learned and religious and philanthropic institutions (along with many purely secular enterprises) were implicated as beneficiaries or chance takers in the lottery till it was made unlawful and therefore suddenly became "wrong" or "sinful," the story well repays reading. It is illustrated by a great number of facsimiles of lottery tickets, and the names and autograph signatures of owners and officers among the first families in Rhode Island give this part of the tract a high genealogical interest.

If cleanliness is next akin to godliness, then Mr. Francis Gallagher was right in his plea for public baths. There should be urinals, too, established in the compactly built parts of the city; not as they were built some years since.—one on Washington Bridge and another half way to Olneyville,—but nearer together and in less conspicuous quarters, and in charge of keepers. In another thing Mr. Francis Gallagher is right; he personally went before the School Committee to oppose the sham military drill which certain men are trying to impose upon the school children. Better first teach the High School boys to read and write, at least in an elementary way. There are altogether too many things attempted in the schools already.

BOOK NOTES has been asked to use whatever influence it may have in opposition to the passage of the Loud bill now in the House of Representatives, for the regulation of postal material. My correspondents say:

"Briefly put, the Loud bill provides for the removal of certain forms of printed matter from the regular second class of mailable matter, for which the rate is one cent a pound, to a special classifica-

tion, on which the rate shall be one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof. The forms of printed matter involved are: All sample copies of newspapers and periodicals; all books or reprints of books, whether sold by subscription or otherwise, or whether they have been issued as premiums or supplements or form parts of regular newspapers or periodicals; all unsold copies of newspapers and periodicals, commonly termed "returns," and now customarily sent back by many dealers to publishers through the mail, and all extra numbers of regular publications sent by the publishers thereof in the interest of advertisers."

Now this is just what BOOK NOTES desires to have done. BOOK NOTES will take its chances with other similar things. The gain to the people by the passage of this bill will be immense—at all events, in "morals."

Concerning politicians, Lincoln says: "A set of men who have interests aside from the interests of the people, and who, to say the most of them, are, taken as a mass, at least one long step removed from honest men. I say this with the greater freedom, because being a politician myself, none can regard it as personal,"—McClure for March.

It is a great consolation for us to learn from the *Journal* that Mr. T. Carr Watson, aged 60, has married Miss Lutz; and to be specially assured by the *Journal* that the cottage which Mr. T. C. W. caused to be built has "all the modern conveniences," adds to our comfort, and will no doubt add to the comfort of Miss Lutz.

This town is being canvassed in every quarter to get people of small means to put money into the New England Savings and Loan Co., recently chartered here; the President is John M. Dean; the Vice President L'oyd A. Tillinghast. Both these gentlemen are engaged in land speculations up to their necks. Is the lesson of the Sprague Savings Banks so soon forgotten?

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 7, 1896.

The Boston *Herald*, unwilling to rely upon its intrinsic excellence as a newspaper alone for success, now proposes to give to its subscribers a beautiful miniature Opera House, which can be "set up," and a play set upon the stage; and with every succeeding Sunday paper, a new play will be issued—thus a constant series of plays can be had at home, and no end of mirth and fun resulting. BOOK NOTES and the *Herald* are the two really leading publications to-day in New England.

Of course the State Board of Health, which body under the new law has the power to prescribe to us such physicians as are proper, could never have licensed such a man as the evidence of Dr. Wilcox shows this "Doctor" Hale to have been; and yet his history here is well known.

It has been found impossible to allow individual ownership in docks. The dock landlord holds in his hand the throttle valve of commerce. Society will not submit to it. A dock landlord can impose a "protective" tariff every thirty days. Both in New York and Boston individual ownership has come to an end.

The Count of Monte Cristo remarked "that beyond a degree of perfection only the ideal can exist." However trite this may be, it was never intended to illustrate the method of public records devised by our License Commissioners, because it was written before the commissioners were born, and will be read after they are forgotten.

There are women who wear becoming headdresses, but as a mass, the headgear for women of to-day would be "highfalutin" if worn by a Comanche Indian.

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'Tis morning at Mill Brook Farm; the lowing herd still lingers at the gate, as the cows go forth for their morning meal; the dew on the grass touched by the rising sun glistens like silver; the clover opens its petals after a night of sleep. Will you walk with me, and talk with me? I know a bright and sunny spot where the meadow lark bids good morning to the partridge; let us then ramble along the south path, across the bridge, and enter the woods at the red gate. The great oaks and chestnuts have intertwined their limbs forming the arch above us, and the sun in spite of the verdure of the forest, has covered the path with a carpet of green beneath our feet. On the topmost limb of the nearest oak there sits a cat bird. As we approach he greets us with his magnificent song; he fills the forest with melody,—the path winds, and as we turn a gray squirrel leaps across the path, climbs a tall chestnut and leaping from limb to limb seeks the remote recesses of the woods in frantic fear; he has not yet learned that we are not dangerous. Have a care as you pass the gate, of that nettle growing by the fence; by the way, do you remember the rhyme by Aaron Hill about the stinging of the nettle? This is it:

Tender handed stroke a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;

Grasp it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains.

If there is no more truth in this verse than there is in the following verse, it were better perhaps not to make the experiment:

'Tis the same with human natures,
Use them gently—they rebel;
But be as rough as nutmeg graters
And the rogues obey your will.

Somehow I fancy this is much older than the time of Hill, and that Hill adopted and enlarged upon the idea, just as our Albert G. Greene did with "Old Grimes."

Let us walk along this shady way until we reach the second bridge across the brook, which, like the brooks described by Job, is never dry. 'Tis here in the earliest spring that the cowslip blossoms. The water cresses grow in the silver stream, and along the banks Jack-in-his-pulpit rears his crimson head in the early autumn. Here, too, the cardinal flower ought to grow, but does not; but there is a place whereof we know where it does grow sometimes in magnificent clusters. See! yonder huge mud turtle, aroused from his slumbering lethargy into something like action, by our coming, seeks in the mud at the bottom of the pool that safety for his uncouth body which he fears is menaced by our presence. There is something so repulsive to almost every-

body in the looks and the manners of a mud turtle that little attention has been ever given by us ordinary students and lovers of nature to his habits of life or methods of existence; but the other day. John Rathbun, our neighbor, a farmer near by, who can calculate an eclipse; who knows the relatives of the Pipsissewa even to the third and fourth generations; who reads Latin as his mother tongue; and can discourse with intelligence of Gibbon,—sends a letter to us telling of his watchings of a couple of these turtles in the act of incubation; this familiar letter, written to a friend, has in it such curious things that I venture to print some of it. These are the things which John saw:

On the first day of last June I found where a mud turtle had just deposited her eggs. It was on the north side of a clump of bushes, and was consequently shielded by them from the direct rays of the sun during the greater portion of the day. Here is a good chance, I thought, to find out how long it takes turtle eggs to hatch. On the third day of June I found another turtle depositing her eggs. The place this time was so situated as to be exposed to the rays of the sun during most of the day. She had excavated a hole in the hard roadside some six or seven inches deep, three inches wide at the top and six at the bottom. And as often as she dropped an egg, which was once in about two minutes as near as I could guess, with a circular swinging motion of her hind foot she would roll it into the hole, then putting her foot into the hole would place it. While I watched her she would occasionally miss the egg and it would not go into the hole. But nevertheless down her foot would go into the hole to place it. How very delicate her sense of touch must be, thought I! I watched her for some time, hoping I might see how she managed to cover them; but as it was raining I thought I had rather not know than to get wet through. The next morning as I went by I examined the place and the soil

was as hard where the hole was as anywhere else. I could not even tell where it was except by the little bits of grass and weeds which she happened to mix with the soil when she replaced it. Now when men fill holes which they have dug, this is not the case, even if they do a great deal of tamping and pounding.

Now you know I was very anxious to see how the eggs were getting on, and curiosity caused me quite often to open hole No. 1. I think as often as once a fortnight. During the four or five weeks I could see no difference, and I thought the eggs were probably sterile, but after six weeks or so—I kept no record—I could see that little blood vessels were forming, and after that the head, and finally a little turtle. Meanwhile I had not disturbed nest No. 2. On the 25th day of September, my son said to me, "Did you know that your turtles were hatched"? I said no. He said, day before yesterday I saw an army of little turtles marching down toward the pond. When I went to see I found that the eggs in No. 2 were hatched, but those in No. 1 were not more than half large enough to hatch. Why is it, thought I, that there is so much difference? Is it because I had meddled with them so much? or is it on account of the location? I think both. One thing I did notice, that during the very hot days in the last of September and first of October, they grew much faster than when the cold weather set in afterwards. The last time I looked at them was on the 25th day of December, for the ground was not frozen on that day, they looked just as healthy then as ever. Now the question is, will they live till spring and hatch?

JOHN W. RATHBUN.

BOOK NOTES has from time to time spoken of the books circulated by the public free libraries of this State, and specially of this library in Providence. The last issue of BOOK NOTES contained a paragraph or two upon the subject.

These papers have never been issued without exciting angry feelings on the part of those in control of the library against the writer hereof. There was a sentence in the last article which excited special indignation. It was this: "That 75 per cent., three-quarters of all the books taken by teachers and scholars, and everybody else, from this library, consists of the thoroughly vicious modern novel." It was in truth too strong to say that three-quarters of all books taken consisted of the vicious modern novel. All modern novels are not vicious, but a very large proportion are, and there are no existing statistics to show the proportions of this character to go either in or out. The idea intended to be conveyed was that there was a vast preponderance in favor of Fiction in the matter used from these libraries. Exception has always been taken to this 75 per cent. which BOOK NOTES has often used. Now let us get down to actual figures. There were according to the last printed report, 108,070 books taken from this library in 1894. According to the American Library Association System, these books were classified under the following heads, and the percentages of each, compared with the percentage of the Fiction class, is here shown;

Fiction, .68+	Geography & Travels .05+
Fiction, .68+	Biography, .04+
Fiction, .68+	History, .06+
Fiction, .68+	Fine Arts, .037+
Fiction, .68+	Industrial Arts, .03+
Fiction, .68+	Natural Science, .03+
Fiction, .68+	Philology, .0016+
Fiction, .68+	Political Science, .03+
Fiction, .68+	Philos' inc. Theology .02+

These figures are at variance somewhat with the figures of the Report. Thus the report gives 108,070 books as having been circulated. Of this number the report says (p. 26) 3437 were *Practical Science*, and that this number was 3.18 of the entire circulation. The writer of BOOK NOTES lacking the advantages of the common

schools, dares not rely upon his own mathematics, won't you have the goodness to multiply these figures, 108,070 by 3.18 and observe the result, 343762.60. Don't you think that is a pretty large number of books upon Practical Science to circulate, the entire circulation being 108,070? Yet every calculation in class D. is just as erroneous, and in fact the same way. This is indeed a terrible showing; but it is a showing (I mean the fiction reading now) for which neither the directors of the library nor the employees are to blame; it is the fault or the disgrace of the readers alone. It is well to look the truth squarely in the face now and then, and this is the plain truth.

The entire amount of money expended for books by this library in that year 1894, was, according to this report, \$6,919 67; every cent of which came from the money taxed out of the people of Providence. The city government paid \$7,500 to the library; in addition the State contributed more money; much more money was given by the city and the State than every book, magazine, sheet music, and pamphlet cost. It is wicked to take the money taxed from the poor to supply free novels, and costly sheet music to the rich; and yet this is precisely what I think is being done. This costly sheet music, of which the library has an immense collection, is neither agreeable nor useful to any average family.

Figures can be manipulated so as to prove almost any kind of a story, and they are so manipulated in these Providence Library Reports, so far as circulation is concerned. This library has adopted a "classification" wholly its own; while the American Library Association has adopted a classification which is mainly used everywhere else in this country. The Providence Library thus prevents a comparison of itself with libraries throughout the country, and makes it appear that the number of mere novel readers is very

much smaller here than elsewhere. This is not the fact. Mr. Foster's report is very misleading, and in the pointing of its percentages terribly incorrect; there is also an unlimited field for manipulation in the classification; right here in Providence in one of the three largest libraries, in entering De Foe's Robinson Crusoe in a classification, it was placed in "Biography."

In Mr. Foster's classification, Poetry, the Drama, &c., are placed, I believe, under "Art," thus, Massinger's "Bashful Lover," and "The Very Woman," would appear classed as "Art," and so, too, would it be with Beaumont and Fletcher's "Maid's Tragedy." This would not be the case under the American Association Classification.

It is time this institution had a thorough overhauling; too much time is frittered away upon non-essential things. A physician came to me for information concerning a certain book; I gave him the information and told him that the book was in this library; he was a card-holder, and at once applied, and was told that the book was not in the library; whereupon he told the attendant that Mr. Rider had just said it was there; and was answered, "Mr. Rider don't run this library." A lady was informed upon asking for a book, that her card must be renewed, but renewal was refused until a new endorsement was made on her application. A principal in one of the Grammar schools—here before the library was begun—applied for a book; on looking for his card, it had been forgotten and left at home—he was refused the book, notwithstanding he needed it very much on that day—it was not a novel. The card catalogue is years in arrears. I wished very much to consult certain early Connecticut Records; I knew they were in the library; I consulted the catalogue, and could not find them, applied to a young man—he could not help me. Still, I persisted, and the Information lady (Miss Emerson) pro-

duced them for me. They were purchased 9th January, 1890, and are not yet catalogued. Now how are these things accessible to scholars, unless the scholar is possessed of the nose of a sleuth-hound and of the persistence of his Satanic majesty? Every one of these things happened within this week. No, it is indeed true: Mr. Rider does not run this library—nor any other—but if he did, such things would happen only once.

The March *Metaphysical Magazine* comes laden with fresh thought from the unseen world; the realm of mind; but it occasionally touches matter too. First it has in this number an article on "meat" as food. Meat and metaphysics are, at the first blush, quite as incongruous as pork and psychics; and in this article, there is no *menu* commended as being good dietetics for the soul. It is in fact a plea for a vegetable diet as against meat, and the first point is that eating meat is not good æsthetics; but that the height of good æsthetic diet is reached in floral salads, as violets, lilies, rose leaves, &c. How would a farmer, at work since sunrise, feel on sitting down at dinner to a violet salad?

It is the way in which men use their minds and their consciences that excites our indignation or our admiration. We will respect no man for his money, nor will we despise any man for his lack of it. Intellectual strength and moral virtue will surely win in the long run,—*vide* the success of the "Reformers" at the City Hall.

The School Committee having before it the proposition of introducing military drill into the Common Schools, are humbly asked to introduce Pin Hockey at the same time—and BOOK NOTES respectfully implores the City Council to assist the School Committee by appropriating the sum of \$2,000 annually for the salary of Professor of Pin Hockey.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 21, 1896.

The March *Arena* has a paper upon the work attempted at Detroit by Mayor Pingree in the interests of the people, which means the poor, as against the legalized monopolies which first created the poor, and then ground them to a proper degree of fineness—if half is true that Mr. Flower, the writer of the paper, says is true, Mr. Pingree deserves a monument, and he will ultimately get one.

The Loud post-office bill, in case it becomes a law, will necessitate some changes in the method of newspaper lying regarding the circulation of the said newspapers. It has come to be first class lying almost without exception. In a recent lawsuit, it was shown by evidence that the Providence Journal, having the sole right of the Associated Press dispatches, after

an existence of seventy-six years, and in a city of 160,000 people, had reached, yes, actually reached, an issue, not a circulation, of thirteen thousand copies. Why, BOOK NOTES, on nothing save only brains, has an issue of a thousand.

The Boston Herald has circulated nearly 300,000 opera houses, which are set up in the homes of New England. Each week a new attraction is played, and a company of players is provided. On March 1 the "Mikado," characters, opera and stage business was given away; with the issue of March 8, "The Wild West"; with March 15, a trained animal show; on Sunday next every purchaser of the Boston Herald will receive the Royal Japanese Jugglers—a performance of great merit—really a royal one, not only in name but in excellence. So much amusement, has never before been presented to the children of New England.

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There has been recently published here a fine book, entitled *Early Rhode Island Houses*, an historical study. It is written by Norman M. Isham, Instructor in Architecture, Brown University, and Albert F. Brown, Architect. It has sixty plates, three of which are not numbered, illustrative of the Early House in all its architectural details,—many of which show much skill in their drawing,—and in addition it has a map of early Rhode Island. There has been so much nonsense talked about old books, old houses, and old things generally, that one never knows what to believe.

The trouble with this book is a lack of authenticity. It is all, or nearly all conjectural. Take for instance, the account of the Fenner House, (p. 24,) and note these conjectures: "the leanto is *probably* a remnant of the house—built here *about* 1655"—"this rebuilding *probably* included"—"there are not *wanting* signs"—the house at the end of plate 8 "was, according to accounts, a revolutionary structure"—"the original houses which were *probably* built"—"*betray* in their profiles medieval tradition"—"they were, no doubt, the handiwork of William Carpenter"—"but *supposing* the original north side," &c. At page 26 a document is cited in support of the narrative, in the "hand-writing of Capt. Arthur Fenner himself." This document is woven into the narra-

tive and forms part of it. On page 27, in a fine type foot note, the authors say: "We admit that the document may have no relation to this house." Then why quote it? BOOK NOTES thinks this is not the way in which to write history. But let us go along with this "conjectural" construction: "If we *assume* what is *very probable*." "Let us *assume* that this was the original length." "Fenner then, according to our conjectural history, rebuilt his house after the (King Philip's) war," (This war was in the summer and autumn of 1676) or "some time after the war, *perhaps* about 1685, or *even* 1700, *possibly even* after the old pioneer's death, (Oct. 1703); the cellar at the eastern end of the group was dug, a new house built wider than the other, and the new and much larger fire-place constructed. It *may be*, of course, that the cellar is contemporary with the new house, *said to date from about* 1790, and that the house which this replaced that was built *according to our conjecture*, from 1685-1703 had no cellar, or *only a small one*," &c., &c.

Now, then, look at plate No. 8, which is inscribed, *Arthur Fenner House*, and tell me when it was constructed. You cannot do it; but I will tell you, that Arthur Fenner never saw any such house; nor did anybody else ever see such a house; the south end never saw the north end, nor did the north end ever see the south

end. I remember this house well in 1856 and 1857. Polly Fenner and her brother lived in it; I was often there; she was a garrulous old woman; half the present stories came from her nonsense, and the remainder are conjecture. The picture is wholly imaginative. If Fenner's house was burned in 1676, (Philip's war, p. 27.) then the subsequent house which we knew could not have been the house built in 1655. (p. 25).

A new name, the "Roger Mowry House," has been given to the house known here for the last half century, as the "Whipple," and the "Abbott" house, upon what ground Prof. Isham does not state.

Prof. Isham has this paragraph concerning the house built by Richard Smith at, or near, what is now Wickford (p. 61):

"About this original house we know almost nothing, though traditions not a few have been handed down about it."

This paragraph would have been a suitable beginning for each of Prof. Isham's chapters. Then he repeats the old fable about floating timber from Taunton out of which to build the house, and a lot more of just such nonsense. There is no word of truth in the tale. So, too, is the story (p. 60) that Smith did not live there, but used the building "only as a trading post until 1659"; and so too is the tale that "the infuriated Indians burned the trading houses soon after their defeat in the Swamp." All this is utter nonsense. After the Swamp Fight, on the 19th December, 1675, the Indians burned none of Smith's houses, nor did they ever burn one of them. Roger Williams's testimony is conclusive. This Smith house was built in 1641, as a trading house and for the entertainment of travellers, (Mass. Hist. Col. 1st Ser. V. 5, p. 216.) This house, Prof. Isham says, was burned by the infuriated Indians about the time of the Swamp Fight massacre, Dec. 1675, "and rebuilt in 1680, partly from materials of the old house."

The house was never burned; it became of age, and retired from use by decay; it had a life at the utmost of half a century; yet Prof. Isham asks us to believe that the "Abbott" house has had an existence of 243 years; the Fenner house of 231 years; the Tom Fenner house 219 years. This date of 1677 on the Tom Fenner house chimney has been placed upon it within the past twenty or thirty years. No,—in order to believe the stories of these things, evidence is necessary; they must, at least, come within the bounds of reason.

There are two maps in the book; one a map of Early Rhode Island, the other a map of Providence in the 17th century. These maps are veritable curiosities. Of course they are not copies of any ancient maps, but they are the fruits of modern research, and they are extraordinary. Let us examine the map of "Early" Rhode Island:

It has Burrillville, incorporated in 1806; but it has not Jamestown, incorporated in 1678. It has Foster, incorporated in 1781; but it has not Westerly, incorporated in 1669. It has West Greenwich taken from East Greenwich in 1741, but it has not East Greenwich, incorporated in 1677; but most strange of all, it has not Warwick, one of the four original towns incorporated as one of the Providence Plantations in 1647, under the Warwick charter; but it has Coventry, taken from Warwick in 1741. It places William Harris's claim outside the borders of Rhode Island in Connecticut, and it includes Meshanticut within the boundaries of the original purchase by Williams. If either of these things were true there could have been no Harris lawsuits covering forty-seven years against the Providence owners. It has Tiverton, and against the name it is written, "Part of Plymouth claimed by R. I." The very reverse is the truth. This land came to Rhode Is and by the charter of 1663. Plymouth claimed it, and held possession until or-

dered by the King of England to surrender it in 1746. It locates a great many places which no one has ever before been able to locate; and defines boundary lines either by the use of the imagination or of fancy, the location of which no former student has ever been able to conjecture, for instance, the Pettaquamscut Purchase, the Connecticut claim knocked out by the King in 1727, is placed in a way which is positively absurd; the veriest tyro in Rhode Island history should have known better; as a matter of fact, the entire map is a travesty upon history. Concerning the map of Providence in the 17th century, it also is a work of modern devising, and not a copy of any ancient map. This notice has now attained such a length that I cannot go carefully into it; but I will merely refer to Gaol Lane. It did not exist in the 17th century. "The third prison was erected about 1733 on a lot purchased of William Page on the north side of the road leading to the ferry at Narrow passage. This gave to that road the name, Jail Lane. It has been changed to Meeting street."—(Staples' Annals, page 180.)

BOOK NOTES has criticised so severely many things in this book, that it takes much pleasure in commending others. The struggle for existence which the early colony underwent as against Massachusetts and Connecticut is well stated, even in a single paragraph. The using by these colonies of William Harris to further their ends is true as well, (p. 12.) So also it is with Prof. Isham's reference to the stone "wind" mill at Newport, "built by Benedict Arnold somewhere near 1670." The Northmen theory of this building is arrant nonsense. As to the mortar used in it the author discussed at some length the Lime question. On this Lime question it would be well to have referred to a letter written by Williams commending the Gregory Dexter lime burned at Smithfield. I cannot at this writing cite the letter, but it exists.

The Boston *Herald* of March 20, 1896, gives some extracts from a speech delivered by Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Boston Public Library, in which occurs this statement: "The people who visit the new building in a day vary from 7,000 to 8,000; the city of Boston is bearing a burden this year of \$425,000 for the maintenance of this Library, of which \$225,000 is appropriated; of this latter sum only \$25,000 is used for the purchase of books and periodicals; the rest is used for the expenses of maintenance." These are pretty tall figures, save only in the amount paid for books and the amount paid for salaries and other expenses. But let us go a bit into details. If 8,000 people visit the Public Library building in Boston each day, it means that upwards of 2,900,000 people visit it in a year. By the latest report, that of 1895, the total circulation is stated to be 2,100,604. Thus it appears that 800,000 people visit the building in a year for absolutely nothing save curiosity. They neither take out books nor use them in the building. Of such people there is a daily audience, 365 days in a year, of 2,165. That is something of an audience. But concerning this showing of circulation, 2,100,604, there is something to be said. Of this enormous number, 1,268,491 never left the reading rooms; they were never taken out; as a matter of fact, all the books taken out in all the branches of this Library, reached a total of 832,113, (for home use,) as Mr. Putnam says. In the matter of cost in this operation the figures are astounding. Setting aside the reading room use, for these would have to be kept open to accommodate actual takers of books, and taking the figures which the *Herald* gives as a basis, for every novel, periodical, or book of any kind actually circulated by this Library, it costs the taxpayers the cost of the book and 48 cents additional for every time that it is taken out. This circulating library business done by this Public Library, is a costly

fad. Then when we know that nearly three-quarters of all the books circulated are novels, or the equivalent of novels, the question must arise, does it pay? Even since these paragraphs were written, a letter appeared from somebody in the *Herald*, scoring the Library committee for using some discrimination against this "nasty" fiction. In comparison with this showing, the Public Library in Providence stands incomparably superior. Here the "home use" circulation is 108,070; the cost of maintenance, \$24,440. Calculated in the same way, the cost to the Library of each book taken out is for circulation 22 cents.—something less than one-half the cost of the same service in Boston. But the cost is in either case simply terrible. Take the latest Conan Doyle novel; it costs the libraries \$1. and every time it is taken out in Boston it costs the library 47 cents, and in Providence 22 cents. If Mr. H. Gregory could have been paid such sums he would not have been driven to a side street. But in another way this Library makes a poor showing compared with Providence. The entire number of books in the Providence Library is 71,613, and the entire circulation for home use is 108,070; this represents a circulation for each book equal to 1.5. In Boston there are 628,000 books, and a total circulation for home use of 832,113, which represents a circulation for each book equal to 1.3. Then comes the terrible fact which confronts us here, and there, and everywhere, that three-fourths, or nearly as many, say in Boston out of 832,113 books, 569,398 are novels, or their equivalent, taken at our ratio of .684+. It is time to let some of the wind out of these inflated statements. Let us get down to facts; more solid work is needed. Why, only a week ago we had occasion to consult this Boston Library Catalogue. We wished to find out what Rhode Island Laws the Library possessed. They informed us they had none of our Digests. But we had sold to the Library a short

time since the Digest of 1719, and we knew that that, at least, must be in the Library. Now where in this elaborate catalogue do you think we found it? Under "Rhode Island"—no; under "Laws"—no; under "Public Laws"—no; under "State Laws"—no; Give it up. Well, under the word "Colony."

The highest authority in the definition of English words thus defines "Anarchy": absence or insufficiency of government; a state of society in which there is no capable supreme power, and in which the several functions of the state are performed badly, or not at all; social and political confusion." Now about how far removed from anarchy is the present condition of Rhode Island? Look at the Code just adopted by a Republican Legislature; look at the venal legislation of this same body, comprising 100 Republicans to 10 Democrats; look at the judicial administration of the criminal law, and then answer—how far removed are we now from anarchy?

The wonderful things The Boston Herald has been doing for the children of New England reached a climax in the production of a country circus with The Sunday Herald of March 29, 1896. Unlike the old time article, however, The Boston Herald circus will produce every feature advertised. The old time pad riding will be retained, but not at the expense of thrilling bareback acts. The famous serpentine dance will be done on horseback. Numerous funny clowns will cut up pranks, and do everything they should. High trapeze acts will be given, and altogether the children have a chance to see the show that amused their parents, and parents can live over again the pleasures of the old-time circus.

When U was V, then I was J, so that when you spell THYRBER, you should spell TJLDEN.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 4, 1896.

If society was not so utterly corrupt and immoral, it would stop instantly the shameful pictures of women as nearly naked as it is possible, and in the act of performing disgusting contortions, now placed on every bill-board at every street corner,—the streets of Pompeii were not worse, and when I offer the eighth volume of *Herculanium et Pompeii*, by M. M. Aine et Barre, forthwith I am arrested. Every library which has this book withholds it from circulation.

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WAWALOAM.

The Indian Queen of the Narragansetts.

One of the Tableaux given by the Colonial Dames the past week, in the series of Rhode Island Days, was the act of signing the deed to Williams by the Sachems, at Narragansett, suggested by Mrs. Joshua Wilbour. Among the persons represented was *Wawaloam*. This character was presented in the person of Miss Evelyn C. Bache, and it has occurred to Book Notes that possibly Miss Bache might like to know something concerning her prototype. *Wawaloam* was the wife of Miantinomi, Queen of the Narragansetts, and the mother of celebrated Sachems, the most distinguished of whom was *Canonchet*.

Concerning this Indian Queen no writer has left us any personal description; not even with positive certainty out of what tribe she came; but she could not have been a Narragansett, for the "I" in her name does not exist in the dialect of the Narragansetts. The late Chief Justice Durfee says of her, "I think it is somewhere said that the Narragansett chief married the daughter of Sequasson— (Durfee's Works, p. 228). It is not easy to verify this statement, but it can be brought pretty near to a verification. John Winthrop, under the date 1643, says that Uncas and Sequasson fell to war with

each other, and that Miantinomi, "*being allied to Sequasson*," took his side in the fight. In another place Winthrop speaks of Sequasson as being a kinsman of Miantinomi (Hist. New Eng. v. 2, p. 156-7). There is another mention of this alliance in the Record of the Commissioners of the United Colonies of New England, holden at Boston the seaventh of September, 1643. "After this, some attempts were made to poyson Vncus and as is reported to take away his life by sorcery. That being discovered, some of Sequasson's company, an Indian Sagamore, allyed to and an intimate confederate with Myantinomo, shott at Vncus as he was going down Conectacutt river with a arrow or two." (Hazard's Hist. Coll. v. 2, p. 8). Other authorities upon this alliance might be quoted, but since all are drawn from these two sources, others are not needed. To Mr. Trumbull of Connecticut only will we refer: He says "Sequasson was a Sachem upon Connecticut river" (Hist. Conn. Vol. 1, p. 130).

There is an expression in one of Mr. Williams's Letters (Narr. Club, v. 6, p. 86) which goes not on all fours with this Sequasson alliance; this is the paragraph:

"Accordingly, I have been since to Narragansett and find Miantinomi willing to go to Connecticut by the time limited, the end of next month; only first, he desired to know Mr. Governor's (Winthrop's)

mind; secondly, in case his father-in-law, Canonicus, his brother, whom I saw near death with above a thousand men mourning and praying about him, in case he recover, otherwise it is unlawful for them, as they conceive, to go far from home till towards midsummer."

Miantinomi was himself a son of a brother of Canonicus, to wit, Mascus, hence Wawaloam would have been either a sister or a cousin; but she was neither; she came from some other tribe, without doubt the Nipmucks. No attempt will be made to explain the letter, but we will accept the Sequasson alliance.

Thus it would seem that Wawaloam came from that country along the banks of the Connecticut river; that she was obtained by Miantinomi of her father Sequasson, at a heavy ransom, in accordance with the Indian custom, married to him, and thus became Queen of the Narragansetts. That she was a person of much consequence there is no question. In 1632, Wawaloam accompanied her husband in a journey of state to Boston, where they were entertained by Governor Winthrop at his own house. It was in August, a retinue accompanied them; they attended Divine service during their stay, and on their departure a salute with musketry was given them (Winthrop's Hist. New England, V. 1, p. 103). There was another journey of state made by Miantinomi, accompanied by Wawaloam. It extended from Wickford, as we now call it, but it was Cawcawmsquissick then, to Hartford and back. It was an affair of great political interest, and it throws a light upon Indian affairs which is without a parallel in New England history. Roger Williams has sent it along down to us.

It was in September, 1638, that Roger Williams accepted the invitation given him by Miantinomi to go with him to Hartford to act as his friend and negotiator in the matter of a treaty then desired by both the English and the Indians. Williams has given two accounts of this

journey. The first is in the Key to the Indian Language, (Narr. Club ed. p. 201,) thus: "I once travelled in a place conceived to be dangerous, with a great Prince (Miantinomi) and his Queen (Wawaloam) and children, (Canonchet, or Nanuntenuo, and a younger son,) in company with a Guard of neere two hundred; twentie or thirtie fires were made every night for the Guard, the Prince, and Queen in the midst, and Sentinells by course, as exact as in Europe; and when we travelled through a place where ambushes were suspected to lie, a special Guard, like unto a Life-Guard compassed, some neerer, some farther off, the the King and Queen, myself and some English with me." Mr. Williams wrote this in 1643, while on his first voyage to England. In a letter written by him at the time (1638) to John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts, he had previously written concerning the journey, (Narr. Club, V. 6, p. 120): "I went up to Connecticut with Miantunnomu, who had a Guard of upwards a hundred and fifty men and many Sachems, and his wife (Wawaloam) and children with him; by the way lodging from his home three nights in the woods." Information reached this marching column that the Mohegans and Pequots "lay in way and wait to stop Miantunnomue's passage to the Connecticut and divers of them threatened to boil him in a kettle; these tidings being many ways confirmed, Mr. Scott, (Richard,) a Suffolk man, and Mr. Cope, (Edward,) advised our stop and turn back; unto which I also advised the whole company to prevent bloodshed, resolving to get up to Connecticut (Hartford) by water; but Miantunnomu and his counsell resolved, being then about fifty miles, half way, on our journey, that not a man should turn back, resolving rather all to die; keeping strict watch by night, and in dangerous places, a guard by day about the Sachems, Miantunnomu and his wife (Wawaloam) who kept the path, myself

and company always first, and on either side of the path forty or fifty men to prevent sudden surprises,—this was their Indian march.” In another place (Indian Key, page 101) Mr. Williams again speaks concerning the march: “I once travelled with neere 200, who had word of neere 700 enemies in the way, yet generally they all resolved that it was a shame to feare and goe back.”

Among the documents relating to the acquisition from the Indians of the lands contiguous to Westerly, which are given by Potter in his “Early History of Narragansett,” at page 248, is an affidavit signed by Wawaloam. It bears date 25th June, 1661. It declares that she (Wawaloam) was the wife of the deceased Sachem Miantinomi. In this document this Indian woman tells how the lands in question were taken from the Pequots by her “husband” Miantinomi, and his uncle Canonicus, long before the English had any wars with the Pequots; and Wawaloam further affirms, that Miantinomi gave this tract to Socho “for service done for us.” When Wawaloam signed this document she was at a place called by the Indians Aspanansuck, or sometimes Hakewamepinke, which Parsons in his “Indian Names of Places,” says is “supposed to be at Exeter Hill, on the Ten Rod road.”

Wawaloam in her affirmation speaks of the “service done for us” by Socho. This service has also been described by Roger Williams in these words: “I know the man yet living who in time of warre pretended to fall from his owne campe to the enemy, proffered his service in the front with them against his own armie from whence he had revolted; he propounded such plausible advantages that he drew them out to battell, himself keeping in the front; but on a sudden shot their Chief Leader and Captaine, and being shot, in a trice fecht off his head, and returned immediately to his own againe from whom in pretence, though with treacherous intention he had revolted; his act was false

and treacherous, yet herein appears polisie, stoutness, and activitie,” &c. (Key to Indian Language, Narr. Club. p. 79) That this refers to Socho is proved by reference to a letter written by Williams (Narr. Club, v. 6, p. 39). “Sassawwaw turned to the Narragansetts and again pretends a return to the Pequots, gets them forth the last year against the Narragansetts, and spying advantage, slew the Chief Pequot Captain and whips off his head, and so again to the Narragansetts; these treacheries exceed Machiavelli’s.” This Sassawwaw “was a Pequot, also Miontunnomue’s darling” (Williams’ Letter, Narragansett Club, v. 6, p. 38) Socho signed a deed thus, Sosoia, (Potter’s Narragansett, p. 243.) and this document was at the time referred to as Socho’s, (same book, same page.) He was also known as Sassawwaw, (Trumbull’s Notes to Williams’s Indian Key, page 79.)

Concerning Miantinomi the early history of Rhode Island has a good many things, but in this paper I propose touching only his social, or family, or purely personal affairs, and wherein also only his wife, Wawaloam, and his children come. As to the personal appearance of this great Sachem, Hubbard (Hist. New England, page 446) says: “This Miantinomi was a very good personage, of tall stature, subtil, and cunning in his contrivements, as well as haughty in his designs.” The Narragansetts were “therein animated by the haughty spirit and aspiring mind of one Miantinomi, the heir apparent of all the Narragansett people, (more than 30,000 gathered about Wickford and the contiguous country, as Mr. Williams has told us,) after the decease of the old Sachem Canonicus, that was his uncle.” Upon occasion Governor Winthrop speaks well of him—here is one: “Messengers were sent to him concerning complaints made against him; he carried them apart into the woods, taking only one of his chief men with him, and gave them very

rational answers to all their propositions" (Hist. New Eng. v. 2, p. 197). Subsequently, Miantinomi visited Governor Winthrop at Boston. Winthrop says, "In all his answers he was very deliberate and showed good understanding in the principles of justice and equity, and ingenuity withal." (Hist. New Eng. v. 2, p. 98.) When Miantinomi was born we do not know, but when he died we know, and how; he was murdered by order of the Massachusetts Government under the advice of the Massachusetts clergymen, in 1643.

When or where Wawa'oam died we do not know; the last we know of her was the document referred to in this paper, June, 1661. Within the dominions over which Wawa'oam exercised Indian jurisdiction, is the present town of Exeter, R. I.; and within that town lies Mill Brook Farm, owned by William M. Bailey, Esq.; on a huge projecting rock of red granite, in a forest, Mr. Bailey has caused to be cut this inscription:

To the Memory of
WAWALOAM,
Wife of Miantinomi,
1661.

And so comes to an end this attempt to rescue from oblivion the history of this great but unknown Indian Queen.

It was a pleasure the other day when we took up the April New England Magazine, to find a portrait of our old friend, Marcus Waterman, in the paper on our "Later American Masters" in Painting; the tips of his brushes yielded to the touch of genuine art. In this same April number, Mr. Henry Robinson Palmer writes upon "Population Tendencies in Rhode Island," showing the notable tendency of population away from the residential parts of Providence into the suburbs, a tendency accounted for by the new provisions for rapid transit. There is in his article things worth thinking about.

The trial of Mr. D. F. Lingane for shooting Cook, a case so plain that a blind man could see it, resulted just as the three attempts to indict Lingane had resulted with three grand juries,—it failed. The petit jury stood 11 for conviction; the 12th juror had been bereft of his reason exactly as the one man on the second grand jury, and three men, and then six men, in the third grand jury had before been bereft. In the trial of Lingane there developed a little incident concerning a "colored" witness, one Samuel C. Wilson; concerning this testimony Judge Wilbur said in his charge, "was it done, or was it, as you have been led to believe by Mr. Page's argument, that that was a trick conceived in the brain of some evil person to impose or convict the defendant in this case." It was alleged that Lingane had paid money to this Wilson, and promised more money in case Wilson would give a piece of false testimony against Cook. The State witnesses were D. F. Lingane, Samuel C. Wilson, Deputy Sheriff Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Goodell, and Constable C. H. Brown. Judge Wilbur is an admirable judge—of a trick—but if this was a trick, then some of these five State witnesses committed perjury of the rankest kind; if it was not a trick, then Mr. D. F. Lingane has, in addition to his shooting Cook, added the crime of subornation of perjury (penalty from 10 to 20 years) to his record. In this immediate connection, it is interesting to observe the manner in which the calling of twenty-three grand jurors was taken away from the Attorney General in the House on Thursday. Was it Mr. Lingane's assistants who did this? Are the men of Rhode Island going to sit down supinely and let this foreigner from Fall River throttle the Rhode Island judicial system and put all law at defiance? BOOK NOTES does not believe it.

The April Atlantic has a charming paper upon old time sugar making in New England. It was written by Row-

land E. Robinson, whose name betrays its Rhode Island origin. Mr. Robinson in this pleasing way touches his subject:

"It does not appear that any record was made of aboriginal methods of tapping the maple and converting its sap into sugar, nor is the oldest maple old enough to tell us, though it had the gift of speech or sign-making intelligible to us. We can only guess that the primitive Algonquin laboriously inflicted a barbarous wound with his stone hatchet, and with a stone gouge cut a place for a spout, so far setting the fashion which was long followed by white men, with only the difference that better tools made possible. Or we may guess that the Indian, taking a hint from his little red brother, Niquasese, the squirrel, who taps the smooth-barked branches, broke these off and caught the sap in suspended vessels of birch bark, than which no cleaner and sweeter receptacle could be imagined."

A man picked up a box turtle the other day in West Greenwich with a date cut into the turtle's shell, to wit, 1765; and thereupon reasoned upon the great age which turtles reach. It would have been still more wonderful to have picked up a turtle with the inscription, R. W. 1634; for thereupon he might have reasoned that the commonly supposed date when Roger Williams came here, 1636, was erroneous. It is exactly the same with the dates of Prof. Isham's Early R. I. Houses. Somebody painted 1677 on the chimney of the Tom Fenner House, claiming that such a date was cut on the chimney inside. Well, suppose that it was cut there, who cut it? and when was it cut? To call these reconstructed houses after the name of some well-known early settler, does not prove that said early settler ever saw them, as he certainly did not.

The writer of BOOK NOTES has been favored with two delightful Essays by Mr. Edwin R. Gardiner, official Stenographer of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. The first of these essays was read before the N. E. Shorthand Reporters' Association, 18th July, 1894; the subject is the *Reporter as a Student of Language*. The

second essay was read before the N. Y. Stenographers Association, at its annual meeting, 1895; the subject is *Shorthand and related Studies, particularly Word Studies*. To say that these essays are delightful is only speaking the truth; the subject touches the very soul of the Essayist, and he discourses in such a genial, gentle way that one is enchanted as he reads. Illustration follows illustration so easily and so quietly, that one scarcely realizes that he has traversed with Mr. Gardiner the whole range of English Literature, and so modest withal; there is no going forth hunting ideas with drum and fife, but it is a quiet walk along a peaceful path, with a philosopher, that you take; Mr. Gardiner's essays are truly pleasant.

The State Board of Health has done the State some service in publishing as an appendix to its 17th Annual Report, the *Results obtained with Experimental Filters at the Pettaconset Pumping Station of the Providence Water Works*." These experiments were conducted by Edmund B. Weston, an assistant engineer here. They were begun about the first of April, 1893, and covered a period of nine months; they were the first work of the kind ever undertaken upon so elaborate a plan, and under methods so scientific, and the results are believed to possess a value much greater than any similar effort has hitherto attained. There were four filters set at work, and the several tests which human ingenuity could invent were applied to them; and it takes in this Report 190 closely printed octavo pages to describe the work, which is creditable to all concerned, and which will be sought for the wide world over.

It is a source of pride to Rhode Islanders that Charles R. Brayton is a member of the same Bar with Thomas Durfee, in equal standing. General Brayton is "practicing," while Mr. Durfee is neither "preaching" nor "practicing."

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The Monthly Bulletin, a periodical published by the Providence Public Library, at a very large cost, has an elaborate paper concerning "Some minds who decry the usefulness of public libraries because so large a proportion of the books taken from them for reading is fiction." BOOK NOTES is not specifically mentioned, even by courtesy, but BOOK NOTES is alone discussed.

A very large part of the article is devoted to a discussion of the percentage of Fiction taken out. BOOK NOTES had stated that "according to the Library Association System the percentage of the Fiction class was .68+. To this statement the writer of the Bulletin objects. He says: "But even the statement that .68+ of the volumes taken was Fiction is inaccurate. This Providence Library has from the first gone according to a classification solely its own. A summary of the first three years circulation appears in a foot note on page 18 of the *Third Annual Report*. It is in these words:

1st year,	"Total per cent. of Fiction,	.68+
2d ..	" " " " " "	.72+
3d ..	" " " " " "	.69+

After ten years, the *Tenth Report* (page 18) gives the average percentage for that period,—it is .67

There has been from the first constant manipulation of this system of classification; and it is by means of this manipu-

tion that "the librarian gets *only*, 5972+" as the present circulation.

What does the writer mean when he says that BOOK NOTES was inaccurate? and still further what does he mean when he says (p. 79), "The percentage of fiction used has decreased since the Library was opened"?

The percentage has not in fact been reduced, but it has been changed by manipulation thus: by the second report, the circulation of the class "miscellaneous" was .015; by the seventeenth report the classes "miscellaneous" and "general," represented .0868. In the last mentioned report, the writings of Massinger, and Ford, and Beaumont, and Fletcher, and Ben Jonson, and Walt Whitman, and Swinburne, and Oscar Wilde, would be classified in "Art." It is stated by the writer in the *Monthly Bulletin* that of the books taken out in 1894, 6397 were "Essays." What does he mean by this classification? No such word appears in the classification used by the Library.

The percentage of circulation of the Fiction class, according to the system of the American Library Association, was for the first year of the Library, .74+; for the second year, .75+; for the third year, .74+; for the seventeenth year, as BOOK NOTES stated, .68+; now add the differences of percentages above shown in

the "miscellaneous and general classes," to wit, .0718, and see how far from correct BOOK NOTES went. The writer in the "Monthly Bulletin" says, concerning the BOOK NOTES article, "The charge, if believed, bore heavily upon the Library." Well, are you going to disbelieve what BOOK NOTES said? If the figures above given are true, and BOOK NOTES challenges examination, then the statement in the Monthly Bulletin is not true.

In another respect the writer in the Monthly Bulletin is not quite disingenuous; he says the Report gives the circulation "in three forms of classification; the three forms being that which was originally adopted in this library; that adopted by the American Library Association, and that adopted by the Rhode Island Board of Education." Nothing certainly would be more fair than this showing if it were true—but it is not true. The classification now used in this library is not the one originally adopted; it has been materially changed.

Original Classification. First Report	Present Classification, Last Report.
Class	Class
0 [Unassigned]	1 Fiction [Adult]
1 Literature,	Fiction [Juvenile]
2 History.	2 History.
3 Biography.	3 Geography.
4 Geography.	4 Biography.
5 Philosophical Science	5 Miscellaneous.
6 Natural Science.	6 General Class.
7 Practical Science.	7 Art, including Music.
8 Social Science.	8 Practical Science.
9 Art.	9 Natural Science.
	10 Social Science.
	11 Philosophical Science

Under the fifth and sixth classes of the classification now used, there seems to be sufficient opportunity for manipulating the use of fiction.

But that which renders this statement most unfair is that all the percentages given in the Report are based upon the private classification used by this library. Not a single percentage is given based

upon either of the two other classifications last named by Judge Durfee, for the writer of those statements is no less a person than ex-Chief Justice Durfee, now and since 1888 a Trustee of the Library, the President, and a member of the Library Committee, but a fact is no less stubborn because the ex-Chief Justice ignores it.

The writer in the "Monthly Bulletin" grows "vicious" over an exaggerated expression used by BOOK NOTES, to wit, "the thoroughly vicious modern novel" which comprised three-quarters of the Library circulation. It was too strong, and BOOK NOTES qualified it in the succeeding issue. How differently, does the writer himself stand, when he says, "One might be led to suppose from the outcry that is made that the library is recklessly squandering its means in the purchase of fiction." This is simply a wilder statement than my own. BOOK NOTES had said "this is a showing for which neither the directors nor the employes are to blame." But there is another reason for a declination in the number of novels (if it was true) which are taken out.

There were in the Library—

1st Report,	13,707 books,	taken out,	90,685
2d "	17,129 "	" "	93,386
3d "	18,536 "	" "	67,620
17th "	71,613 "	" "	108,970

The first year is represented by a circulation of 66; the last year each book is represented by 1.5; there seems to have been an immense falling off in the use of the library.

After all this, the writer in the Monthly Bulletin enters upon an apology, or eulogium of Fiction. The answer is, that if this Fiction is so valuable and so useful, why enter upon such an elaborate effort to prove that the use of it is growing less. The very effort to make the percentages appear smaller, is admission of the evil of which BOOK NOTES complained.

Would Judge Durfee undertake to say that those who use this Library now read fewer novels than they read when the Library was begun? Well, hardly! Nevertheless, that is just the impression which he undertakes to produce upon his readers.

The writer of BOOK NOTES has for the gentlemen who manage the Public Library the greatest respect; he has known them all for many years; making no pretension to capacity, he has had among books an experience greater than them all put together; moreover, he has spoken adversely of but one act of theirs; it was the purchase of piles of sheet music with money taxed from the general public, who can never use the music. The burden of his complaint is against the people who read only fiction; and nothing which my distinguished friend shows, in the slightest degree impairs the statements which were made nor the opinions advanced. The reading of so much fiction is unqualifiedly bad, and the free supply of it by the city is wholly wrong. The result so far of the establishment of public libraries has been to develop immensely the reading of fiction at the public cost. Public libraries have become practically purveyors of fiction; whatever else goes in, fiction goes out; people should be made to *buy* the novels which they read, then less novels would be read. Since these things were begun, there has come to BOOK NOTES the Report of the Free Public Library of the city of Pawtucket,—the second largest city in Rhode Island. Observe how it emphasizes the position taken in BOOK NOTES. In this case, no attempt has been made to “doctor” the returns, or hide under a classification the real facts. Mrs. Sanders just tells the truth. She tells us the entire circulation was for 1895, 46,653; the total number of books in the library was 14,765. These books were classed under the American Library Association system.

The Library contains—

1,119	books of History.
1,185	“ “ Biography.
963	“ “ Travel.
2,122	“ “ Science and Art.
5,478	“ “ Fiction, Poetry, Drama and Magazines.

There were circulated—

1,255	books of History.
777	“ “ Biography.
1,503	“ “ Travels.
1,871	“ “ Science and Art.
39,575	“ “ Fiction, &c.

The percentages stand thus—

Fiction,	.84+	History,.....	.026+
“	.84+	Biography....	.016+
“	.84+	Travels.....	.032+
“	.84+	Science & Art,	.04+

This condition neither reflects, nor does the writer intend to reflect, upon the work of the Trustees or the Librarian. The Librarian feels quite as badly about it as the writer feels, but that she is in no way responsible for it; the horse can be led to the water but he cannot be made to drink; good books are placed before the people, but if they will not read them, who can make them. So far as the Pawtucket Library shows the education, culture, and wisdom of the people, it is simply terrible; as an accessory to the schools, the results are not worth mentioning.

The conviction of John Nelson, tried by the Supreme Court upon a criminal charge, he being at the time of the trial a member of the General Assembly—the verdict of guilty—and the suspension of sentence under the verdict, upon a technicality—and the action of Nelson in the latest State election, illustrates a condition in Rhode Island politics which, were it not so familiar to us, would rend the State in twain. The conviction of one of our law-makers, under a statute, of a crime which goes yet unpunished, is a disgrace to Rhode Island. Mr. Nelson should get himself again elected to the General Assembly, and then repeal all laws making it a crime to receive stolen goods.

So great was the demand from all parts of the country for the Eighth Biennial Report of the Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics, which treated wholly upon the *Taxation* methods at Chicago, that a second edition, 20,000 additional copies, has been printed; both at the beginning and the end much additional information has been added to the matter of the former edition. Such an exposition of legal and illegal robbery of the working people by an American city has never before been made. On page 363 is now given the results of the sales of 36 estates in the central business district of Chicago. This table goes to emphasize the previous showing made in the Report itself. These 36 estates brought their owners \$6,954,500. They were assessed upon a valuation of \$654,550, and the owners paid a tax on these estates of \$39,606, and they took out of the laboring community, through their tenants, this tax back again and \$700,000 more in rents. How long will men here, or in Chicago, stand such legalized robbery as that is.

The present Council dealing with the Union Railroad has this great advantage; it has no home stockholders with whom to contend. The road is owned by people outside of Rhode Island. Mr. George West's proposition was exceedingly trenchant—the city owns the streets, you own the rails—why not divide the plunder. Well, why not?

In the case of Dr. Graves, the *Journal* published columns upon columns, eulogizing the judge, and the court, and the trial generally, and casting ridicule upon those who differed from it, but the Supreme Court of Colorado set aside the trial, declaring in set phrase that the defendant Graves *had had no fair trial*. So, too, in the Marie Barberi case. The *Journal* held up to scorn and contempt those who, being closely acquainted with the facts, held that the woman had been unfairly convicted; but now comes the

New York Court of Appeals, and declares the fact, and gives the woman a new trial. The *Journal* of 22 April says: "Marie Barberi does not appear to be in herself a particularly attractive object of sympathy." What has attractiveness to do with her legal rights. It is about time the *Journal* dispensed with its children editors and get men to stand at the head of its columns. What was the opinion of the *Journal* worth in either case?

The opinion of the New York Court of Appeals on the action of Recorder Goff in the Barberi case, with a change in names, would fit the action of Judge Wilbur in the Lingane case with absolute perfection. Is it not time to re-seat the Supreme Court Bench in Rhode Island?

It was Mr. Thomas Carlyle who said, "Of nothing you can in the long run, with much labor, make only—nothing. But now comes Fanny D. Bergen, in the *Atlantic Monthly* for May, with a very agreeable paper, entitled "Pandean Pastimes." It is of child pastimes in springtime—the puckering of rose leaves, and then "popping" them upon the forehead, with a tiny puff of perfume; the construction of toys with reeds or blades of grass and the like. The article is very pleasant, but why attach it to the god Pan? There is another article which betrays thought, which to the writer of it must have been delightful. It is "Old Wine and New," by Agnes Repplier. When this lady touched Froissart with her "Old Wine" she found a "bouquet" which is wholly lacking in the "New."

The Boston *Herald* editorially condemns the practice which has for years been tolerated here and in Boston, of the ownership of and speculation in school-books by those men who control the schools. The "cheek" exhibited by a member of the Boston School Board, in appearing before a committee of the Massachusetts General Court to oppose a law prohibiting such relation, is astounding.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 2, 1896.

BOOK NOTES commends Detective Merrill. He arrested a vagrant beggar upon the street. Every such fraud should be arrested. The very fact that a person begs is evidence that he is a fraud. No deserving, or suffering poor person ever goes here upon the street to beg.

In this connection comes to me this fact: A physician took fifty lodging tickets for the Bethel Home. He gave them all to beggars; and when he went to pay, he found that but eight of his fifty tickets had been presented.

The Boston *Herald* a day or two since, gave its "High water mark" circulation as 533,140. This means a weight of more than 66 tons of paper.

The mysterious moving figures which our readers have become familiar with through the Boston Herald Wheel of Life, and the supplements of strips which followed, are a feature of the Boston Herald. The Herald made a hit in issuing the Wheel of Life. Such a toy, constructed on scientific principles, is instructive, and the laws which govern the sense of sight are made quite plain to the younger generation. It is but a short time since that these Zœtropes, as they were then called, were sold here for \$3 each.

He is a neighbor of BOOK NOTES, "Dueling Business" in the Winthrop Building which is "centrally" located in the "hart" of the city, and he is a real estate manager, or something else, and he advertises at the Westminster entrance his business chances for sale. The words quoted above are from his placards. There is just now a placard on Broadway, "Bargens" in odd "peices" of "Funiture." There is at the dock a small sloop; on the mast is tacked a card, and on the card is written, "For Sail." This is not necessarily a blunder; it may be descriptive of the uses of a mast.

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Mary Dyer, the Quaker Martyr, by
Judge Horatio Rogers.

When my Creator gave me birth, with lungs, and made atmosphere an absolute necessity for my existence, there came with these two things the right to use them, peacefully, against all men. There can be no right to make a law that I shall not use my lungs wherever on this earth there is air.

When my Creator placed me upon the earth with legs, he gave by implication the right to use my legs upon the earth wherever I pleased,—that right not to be abridged by any other man's edict, so long as I wronged no other man.

We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights which are not to be abridged or taken away by other men by laws. However trite these principles may now appear, they were denied in the Puritan Colony; but Mary Dyer clearly saw them, and so that we, too, might clearly see them, she submitted her neck to the Massachusetts hangman, who hanged her on Boston Common. Mary Dyer was an English woman, the loved and loving wife of William Dyer; they came in 1635 to Boston. Mrs. Dyer was a Nonconformist, but subsequently embraced the doctrines of the Quakers. As a nonconformist she might have lived in Boston, but as a Quaker she had to be

hanged; the atmosphere in Massachusetts was not made for the use of Quakers and so the virtuous Puritans hanged her, and then for two hundred years have vilified her in their books,—never a good word have they written for this great and good woman, who gave her life as an object lesson to show the people the working of their wicked, nay, infamous laws,

She said, "I came to keep blood-guiltiness from you, desiring you to repeal the unrighteous and unjust law of banishment upon pain of death made against the innocent servants of the Lord, therefore my blood will be required at your hands who wilfully do it; I came to do the will of my Father, and in obedience to His will I stand even to the death." Were these the words of a lunatic or of an idiot, or were they the words of soberness and truth? Was her act the mere breach of a civil law, or was it a broad and deep intonation of the natural law, which underlies all statutes? This woman was indeed hanged, but Massachusetts purged her statute books of all those inhuman statutes; the woman indeed died, but yet, in her death she yet lives,—like the Saviour, she has risen from the dead.

All this is but introductory to the mentioning of a little book recently published here, entitled *Mary Dyer, the Quaker Martyr*. It is written by Judge Rogers, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of

Rhode Island. After two centuries of villification by her "religious" oppressors, we come with pure delight to this brave and true book. Even so recently as 1876, the Rev. Henry Martyn Dexter, of the established church, repeated in his *As to Roger Williams, his Banishment*, the customary sophistical lies which all Massachusetts histories have contained. To run counter to all these "distinguished" men requires an amount of courage which few of our Rhode Island writers have hitherto possessed; happily, Judge Rogers possessed the necessary courage, and he has told the story briefly and well; it is indeed too brief, but materials are scanty; still, those which we have are weighty; not a foolish or flighty word is there in all that Mary Dyer left; a perfect equipoise appears in her every act. She is never blatant, but always modest and self-contained, a woman of indomitable courage, who knows well her purpose, and never flinched in its execution. The story, melancholy enough in a certain way, but glorious enough in another way, has been very clearly and simply told by Judge Rogers. There is no attempt at display; his narrative is in perfect keeping with his subject; it is not weakened by overdoing; had Mary Dyer herself told her story, it is doubtful if she could have done it better. BOOK NOTES has nothing for it but commendation; it is an admirable subject well handled.

Acting on the presumption that it is wise and best for us to know the essential present conditions, and what are the probable future tendencies of universities and schools of higher learning, and believing that only from the past can the lamp be lighted which will illumine the future,—Mr. Adolf Broadbeck, a German Ph. D., has published a volume which he styles *The Ideal of Universities*, in which he tells us what has been, whence it came, and how it arose; and then he gives his views of what is to be the true develop-

ment of a University. Four ideals of learning have, Mr. Broadbeck thinks, so far existed, viz.,—*Philosophy*, with the Greeks; *Law*, with the Romans; *Theology*, in the middle ages; and *Physical Science*, in present time; and he thinks that this realistic tendency of the present time will still further develop and surpass the idealistic tendencies of the past; the purpose of thought is the acquisition of knowledge, and the real business of a University is to foster knowledge, and that, too, on the broadest, deepest, highest plan. Hitherto, Universities have been maintained either by various religious sects for certain ends, or by individuals for the dissemination of certain limited, specially defined, lines of knowledge, economic or otherwise. The learned writer's idea is, that emancipation must inevitably come to these institutions; they cannot surely be used to *hide* knowledge, or to teach those things that men know are no longer defensible; they must therefore inevitably broaden; and for this, certain lines, which are too elaborate for description here, and which are intended to embrace all spiritual and technical knowledge, are presented. In this country the author finds three kinds of institutions for science and arts; (1) those founded by sects, chiefly Christian; from these he thinks the ideal will never be developed, because they are more or less bound by dogma, and dogma is the death of freedom in science; (2) State universities, from which the ideal is not to be expected: "in consequence of the separation of church and state these institutions are not complete universities; they exclude theological subjects and the historic and philosophic researches connected with them"; they do not include the science of theology in their curriculum; (3) Private institutions for the higher students, independent of church and state. From this third class the learned author thinks will come the Ideal University of the future, and he thinks that, assisted by the State, but with-

out interference or direction by the State, and in this republican North America, it will at first appear. These essays were first published in the *Metaphysical Magazine*, from which they have been taken and put into book form, and are published by the same publishers. The price is \$1.50.

There came last September, in Providence, the International Convention of Factory Inspectors of North America, to hold its ninth annual convention. Papers were read by various delegates upon sundry vital topics, among them were, the sweating system, as New York has found it; inspection of bake-shops; safe and unsafe pulleys; poisonous chemicals used in manufacturing, &c. One of the most elaborate and carefully considered papers presented was by Mrs. Fanny Purdy Palmer on the question, "Does the extension of women's industrial activities benefit mankind generally." Of course this is a very broad question, covering such a range of investigation in nearly all the departments of social efforts that only the broadest research can cover it; moreover, sufficient time since women entered these diversified fields of labor has not yet elapsed, to learn definitely what the result will ultimately be. In 1870, less than two millions of women worked in gainful operations; in 1890, nearly four millions pursued such labor, and the field is still widening; women now do almost everything, in addition to giving birth to men. Mrs. Palmer inquires why women entered these fields, into what fields they went, how it has affected their healths, and how it affects their pocket-books, whether it tends to unfit them for the proper functions for which their Creator created them, and what the result has been, or will ultimately be upon us men folks? Truly, these are great questions; and to these Mrs. Palmer has attempted no unqualified answer. She tells you what she has found or seen, and thus prepares the groundwork for an opinion. When she

saw a truth which was essential, she told it in good plain English; she did not squirm around, and her paper does credit to her intelligence, to her integrity, and to her industry; it is thoughtful, and of immense importance.

There were two papers read before the American Historical Association at the annual meeting of the association by two young Rhode Islanders. Mr. Arthur May Mowry, of Harvard University, a son of Mr. William A. Mowry, read a paper on the *Constitutional Controversy in Rhode Island in 1841*. The view taken by the young man is the common view taken by those called by a singular misuse of terms, the Law and Order Party. He has not, however, shown how or when the people, in whom all political power rests, ever gave to the Rhode Island General Assembly the power, or the right, to call or control a constitutional convention. These constitutional questions of 1842 are far too great to be considered in a ten page pamphlet.

The second paper is by Mr. Frank G. Bates of Coventry, R. I., but now of Cornell University. It is upon *Rhode Island and the Impost of 1781*. The Continental Congress in 1781 found itself without funds and with no power to tax; it asked the States to give it power to impose a tariff of five per cent. on imports. Rhode Island refused. Always before this, Rhode Island had supported every effort of the government. Why did she now hesitate? is the question which Mr. Bates undertakes to investigate. Both papers show original research and much thought, and are to be commended from every point of view. Both young men show high promise.

A miniature Italian boy solicited alms of the writer one bitter cold night in March. The writer gave the boy food, and then turned him over to Officer Sherman, who took him to the Central Police

Station. Upon investigation, the police found that the boy's father was an organ grinder, who owned three houses containing innumerable tenements which the organ grinder rented. Organ grinding is a thrifty business, and it at once occurred to the school committee to add organ grinding to the incomplete curriculum of the Manual Training School. Professor Shamitaliano has applied for the "chair" and a salary of \$3,175 per annum. The City Council will soon consider the question of the appointment of a "chair" of Pin-hockey, salary \$2,750; a "balk line billiard" teacher, and a score of officers for military drill. Meanwhile—yes,—meanwhile Harvard University is about to publish *fac-similes* of English compositions written by those graduates of the High Schools who apply for admission to that University, with the names of the schools from which the applicants came; and meanwhile no conditions of admission will be permitted so far as reading and writing the English language is concerned. The young "gent" from our High School who cannot read and write his own language cannot enter Harvard. And yet, meanwhile, give us "Pin-hockey, Military Drill, and Organ Grinding, and Balk-line Billiards."

One of the very finest collections of books ever gathered in Providence is that now existing here, gathered by Mr. Marsden J. Perry. It relates practically to Shakespeare and things pertaining to Shakespeare. Not only has Mr. Perry the skill to gather, but he has also the sense and the wit to practically apply his books. Let BOOK NOTES suggest an instance: the question of transfer tickets on the street cars has been recently somewhat discussed in the newspapers, and before the legislative bodies; from being in fierce opposition to the plans of the railroad management, of which body Mr. Perry is here the chief, the *Journal*, in the twinkling of an eye, did come "and with

a greedy ear devour up his discourse;" she loved him for the dangers he had passed, and bade him, if he had a friend that loved her, that he should *teach his friend* to tell his story—and that would woo her. The change was strange,—'twas passing strange,—and yet 'twas true; and so the editor of BOOK NOTES sought an interview with its illustrious Shakespearian friend to learn with what drugs, what charms, what conjurations, and what mighty magic (for with such proceeding he was charged withal) he won this paper. And so my Shakespearian friend held up to view an envelope apparently empty and said—"This only is the witchcraft I have used;" and so I came away; and as I came slowly down the stairs, I heard a voice in soliloquy,—What does the fellow suppose that I bought that Shakespeariana for?—*I read my books.*

Messrs. Estes & Lauriat have just issued their "Choice Old Book" Catalogue, No. 36, which claims to offer books at "lower prices than ever before quoted." The arrangement is this; a book, for instance, Irving's *Sketch Book* is offered thus: "Reduced from \$25.00 to \$9.50; Richardson's *Dictionary*, "reduced from \$45.00 to \$7.50." It would not seem possible to believe that these gentlemen ever asked such prices for books, which now they seemingly offer so much lower. On page 31 of this catalogue is offered the well known and everywhere-to-be-found, Pacific Railroad Surveys, in 13 volumes, "Reduced from \$150.00 to \$15.00" There must have been a tremendous profit in the first, or a terrible loss in the last, of these prices. In all my experience this book has been a "drug" among dealers everywhere at a dollar a volume. Another "plug" I notice; it is Asher & Adams *New* (in 1872) *Commercial Atlas*, "Reduced from \$35.00 to \$4.50." The original subscription price was \$28.00, and copies have always been on the market since at \$2.50.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 16, 1896.

The Naturalist, Wood, was the author of a book entitled *Horse and Man*. It was published in London, 1885, in which he maintained the inhumanity of shoeing horses with iron shoes; and not only the inhumanity but the loss in an economical aspect. In support of his opinion he gives actual experiences in Devonshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, England, in which counties he claimed to possess practical knowledge; and he held that a horse in the hands of any one who understood the anatomy of the hoof, could travel unshod all the roads of England from the Flats of Essex to the hills of Devon and possess better hoofs than when it started. The other day a man dwelling at Riverside, one William E. Potter, was fined \$20.00 for letting a horse work unshod, in spite of the fact, too, that the horse was twelve years old, had never been shod, and was in good form. Where is the lawyer who defended this man? or wasn't he a lawyer?

Concerning the uses of the Public Library to children in the schools, a recent writer in the *Journal*, S. E. D., says: "Every one interested in the education of the young deeply realizes the inestimable service the Library has rendered to the boys and girls in this community." Then, S. E. D. says, "It is unfortunate that the books most accessible for indiscriminate readers are trashy works of fiction." And yet S. E. D. says again, the Library "supplements school instruction by placing in the hands of teachers and scholars, books on the subjects taught." If a book actually "placed in the hands" of a scholar is not "most accessible," what book is most accessible? How is that for logic? and yet S. E. D. has been a teacher in the High School here for years—but there are teachers here of as much experience as S. E. D. has had who think entirely the other way. Then comes the stubborn fact that nearly 69 per cent. of all books taken are novels, "trashy works of fiction," as S. E. D. well says. Novels, then, possess the "coveted information" which the school children mostly seek.

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Concerning the Alleged Baptism of Roger Williams by Holliman.

Several learned gentlemen have recently entered with much spirit upon the manner of the alleged baptism of Roger Williams, here in Providence, in March, 1639, by Ezekiel Holliman, whether it was done by sprinkling or by immersion. With all deference to these learned gentlemen, the writer suggests whether it would not be in order to inquire, first, whether Holliman ever baptized Roger Williams? that question being settled, then, in what manner it was done. Fundamentally, it has never been discussed. It was first told by John Winthrop (*Hist. New Eng.* ed. 1853, V. I. p. 352), in these words: "At Providence, things grew still worse, for a sister of Mrs. Hutchinson, the wife of one Scott, being infected with anabaptistry, and going last year to live at Providence, Mr. Williams was taken, or rather emboldened, by her to make open profession thereof, and accordingly was rebaptized by one Holyman, a poor man, late of Salem. Then Mr. Williams rebaptized him, and some ten more; they also denied the baptism of infants, and would have no magistrates."

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remained in manuscript until 1790, more than a century after Mr. Williams died. It is the sole authority for the story, for although it appears in Mr. Hubbard's *Hist. New England*, it was taken almost verbatim out of Winthrop. Hubbard's History was written about 1682, and remained in manuscript until 1815. Of course, Mr. Williams could never have seen either. This is Hubbard's story: "And things grew still worse and worse, by the increase of their number; for a near relation of Mrs. Hutchinson, the wife of one Scott, being infected with anabaptistry, and going the last year to live at Providence, Mr. Williams was emboldened by her to make open profession thereof, and accordingly was rebaptized by one Holyman, a mean fellow, that went from about Salem; then Mr. Williams rebaptized him, and some ten more." (*Hubbard's Hist. New England*, 1815, p. 338.

Besides these stories, there is another very different story, told by Mr. Nathaniel Morton, of Plymouth, in his "*New England Memorial*," first published in 1669. It also was written in the interest of the dominant church; it was denounced at once in a letter written in June of the same year, from Warwick, by Samuel Gorton, as a "scurrilous pamphlet," scarcely "worth an answer." Mr. Morton says that Mr. Brewster, the "ruling elder" at Plymouth, "foreseeing what he pro-

fessed he feared concerning Mr. Williams, which afterwards came to pass, that he would run the same course of rigid separation and anabaptistry which John Smith, the Se-baptist, had done," &c. (Ed. of 1826, p. 150.) Mr. Morton continues: "They had not been long there" at (Providence) "when they fell to anabaptistry, renouncing the baptism which they had received in infancy and taking up another baptism, and so begun a church in that way; but Mr. Williams stopped not there long, for after some time he told the people that followed him (from Salem) and joined with him in a new baptism, that he was out of the way himself, and had misled them, for he did not find that there was any upon earth that could administer baptism." (Ed. 1826. p. 154.) Morton puts the time when these things were done in the year 1634; Winthrop puts them in 1638. This story varies from Winthrop's story, in that "Holeman" was not brought into it; but this veracious "historian" actually informs us that Williams performed baptism upon himself, se-baptism. Mr. Williams was then living, but he may never have seen this story. Mr. Gorton had seen it in London; perhaps Williams, like Gorton, thought it mere "scurrility." It is not worth while to answer it; it is simply a lie from beginning to end; Morton cites no authorities, for there are none; Mr. Williams never said a single word attributed to him by Morton. Thus the baptizing story rests, that is, the first story, wholly upon Winthrop; concerning the baptism, Winthrop makes no pretence of personal knowledge; he did not witness it, nor has he given the testimony of any one who did witness it; hence it is mere gossip. The most recent annotator of Winthrop, Mr. James Savage, in his note on this baptism story, thus writes:

"If the like assertion of rejecting magistracy, which, in the text, immediately after, is made about Rhode Island, be untrue, as will be clearly proved, we may doubt

the *alleged insanity* of the people at Williams's Plantations; when shall we have a true history of Rhode Island."

This statement by Winthrop, at the close of the quotation above—"They would have no magistrates," may be shown to be false by Winthrop himself, (page 340 of his History, V. 1), just thirteen pages before he made the absurd statement. It is also shown to be false by Judge Eddy, (Winthrop's Hist. 1853, v. 1, p. 356,) and by Mr. Palfrey's admissions. (Hist. New Eng. v. 1, p. 512 *et seq.*) It is not possible here to go into this question; but it all turns upon what Williams considered to be the proper scope of the powers of a magistrate, and Mr. Winthrop knew this fact precisely as Williams knew—but has written a false statement. Is this baptism story any more likely to be true? I have said that Hubbard followed Winthrop; and so he did, but he falsified Winthrop; where the latter wrote "Holyman," this clergyman wrote "Holeman"; and where Winthrop wrote concerning Holliman, that he "was a poor man," this veracious clergymen wrote "a mean fellow." Hubbard's purpose was to add contempt to the absurd; besides, he has added also his falsehood to the original falsity by Winthrop. So now we come to the Rev. Henry Martyn Dexter, who in our own time wrote concerning the matter, "Winthrop says that Mr. Williams was *seduced* into anabaptist views by the influence of Mrs. Scott, a sister of that famous disturber, Mistress Anne Hutchinson." This Reverend gentlemen, like his predecessor, falsifies the record. "Seduced" is a clever word, but where did Mr. Winthrop use it? Anne Hutchinson was a "famous disturber" in exactly the same sense that the lamb in *Aesop* was a famous disturber. But Mr. Dexter is in no sense an original authority. It is needless to endeavor to quote other authorities,—there are more—for more than two centuries these writers of "history" have gone on quoting each other with no at-

tempt upon the part of anybody to examine critically the statement by Winthrop. If Winthrop's story cannot be sustained, it falls, and with it falls every one of these subsequent writers. Nothing exists to show that either Winthrop or Hubbard ever submitted their manuscript histories to Williams for verification or acceptance,—Williams was then living,—but no evidence shows him as possessing any information concerning what either writer had said about him, hence he was unable to deny their stories.

Nothing exists admitting the baptism on the part of Williams or of Holliman; not a syllable from any Rhode Island person then living; how then came the present condition of minds upon the matter? These conditions result from two causes: the Massachusetts writers—all religious—were enemies of Williams and of his colony, finding in the incident a clever scandal, have wrought, and re-wrought it into their narratives. In Rhode Island the writers have been all Baptists; and have (some of them reluctantly) desired to found their Providence church, claimed by them, and justly so claimed, to have been the first in this country, upon this Baptism of Williams by Holliman. Thus nobody really desired to question Mr. Winthrop's statement. There is one honorable exception to these Rhode Island writers, to wit., the Reverend John Callender. This gentleman wrote a *Historical Discourse* on the Civil and Religious affairs of the Colony of Rhode Island at the close of the first century. It was published in 1739. Mr. Callender very carefully says, "Mr. R. Williams * * is said to have formed a church there (at Providence) in that (anabaptist) way, with the help of Mr. Ezekiel Holliman" (original edition, page 56); and further, in a foot note, Mr. Callender says:

"Since this was transcribed for the press, I find some reasons to suspect that Mr. Williams did not form a church of the Anabaptists, and that he never joined the

Baptists church there; only that he allowed them to be nearest the scripture rule, and true primitive practice as to the mode and subject of baptism; but that he himself waited for new apostles, &c. The most ancient inhabitants now alive (1736), some of them above eighty years old, who *personally knew Mr. Williams*, and were well acquainted with many of the original settlers, *never heard* that Mr. Williams formed a Baptist church there, but always understood that Mr. Brown, Mr. Wickenden, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Olney, Mr. Tillinghast, &c., were the first founders of the church."

A century later, in 1838, the Rhode Island Historical Society published as the 4th volume of its *Collections*, this *Historical Discourse* of Callender's, edited with notes by the Rev. Romeo Elton, a Baptist clergyman; beneath the note of Callender's Mr. Elton has placed this note, (page 110): "I have one of the Century sermons of Mr. Callender, with a *dele* upon this note, in his own handwriting." See "manuscript materials for a history of the Baptists of the Rev. Morgan Edwards in the cabinet of the R. I. Historical Society."

This note is obscure. Elton does not mean to say that *he* has this first edition of Callender, but that Edwards says, that he (Edwards) has it. Here is what Mr. Edwards said: "I mention this because Mr. Callender, in a note suffixed to the 56th page of his Century Sermon delivers it as a tradition that Mr. Williams was no Baptist; but the account of Hubbard must outweigh an oral tradition; besides, Mr. Callender was afterwards convinced of the mistake; for I have one of the sermons with a *dele* upon the said note in his own handwriting." (Hist. Soc. Col. V. 6, p. 303.)

This copy of the first edition of Callender's *Discourse*, which Edwards cites, with a *dele*, came singularly enough into my hands many years since. It is a presentation copy, (by whom presented is not

written in it,) with this inscription: "For R. Harding, Esqr., at Swansea," and it has this manuscript note in the margin against the note which is transcribed above: "Tho' some of them did not, yet it was a fact, as I am assured since, on indisputed evidence; yre (there) were but 3 turned Seekers with him, and of these, two left him in a year or two." The latter statement came from Fox's *Fire Brand Quenched*, 1678, page 247. The writer of the note is unknown, it was probably Callender himself, but whoever he was, he took it from the identical copy of the *Fire Brana Quenched*, which is at this moment lying before the writer.

A *dele* is a printer's direction to remove, or cancel something. I here reproduce this *dele* from the original Callender.

Since this was transcribed for the Press, I find some Reasons to suspect, that Mr. Williams did not form a Church of the Anabaptists, and that he never join'd with the Baptist Church there. Only, that he allowed them to be nearest the Scripture Rule, and true primitive Practice, as to the Mode and Subject of Baptism. But that he himself waited for new Apostles, &c. The most ancient Inhabitants now alive, some of them above eighty Years old, who personally knew Mr. Williams, and were well acquainted with many of the original Settlers, never heard, that Mr. Williams formed the Independent Baptist Church there, but always understood that Mr. Browne, Mr. Wickenham or Wiginton, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Olney, Mr. Tillinghast, &c. were the first Founders of that Church.

Tho' some of them, did not, yet, it was a fact, as I am assured, since, on indisputable Evidence. yre there but 3. turned Seekers with him, of them, two, left him, in a year or two.

This fac-simile is a veritable historical literary curiosity; it is positive evidence showing how "history" has been manufactured here. Even allowing the manuscript note to have been written by Callender, as Edwards says, how does it cancel the former note? on the contrary, it affirms the first note. No pretence is made by Edwards that Callender drew the lines across it; or that any other copy of the entire edition has the matter so changed; it has no authenticity as to its being in Callender's handwriting; noth-

ing more than Edwards' statement—and Edwards came into this country in 1762—thirteen years after Callender died (in 1749); for an account of Edwards see Mr Guild's *Manning and Brown*, page 44. Edwards is the chief sinner; he concocted the fraud in Callender, and every Rhode Island writer has followed him; that confidence in his integrity withheld in his lifetime seems to be accorded now without question; he wrote this sentence concerning this matter: "The account by Hubbard must outweigh an oral tradition," such as Callender records. What kind of a historical judgment must a man possess who gives such an opinion? Hubbard was a mere copyist of another, whom he falsified; while the "oral traditions" were actual evidences given by living witnesses

of what they, of themselves knew, and had seen. Morgan Edwards did not know the difference between testimony and tradition.

Now, then, let me analyze Winthrop. First, the date, 1639, is an error. Winthrop wrote under the date, 16 March, 1638 9, using the words "last year," which if true means that Holliman baptized Williams in 1638. Then Winthrop says, "the wife of one Scott being infected with anabaptistry, and going last year to live at Providence, Mr. Williams was taken

or emboldened by her to make open profession thereof." From what we know of the character of Roger Williams, is there anything which would lead us to believe that he required to be braced up, or emboldened, seduced, as Dexter says, by a woman, or by anybody else, in order to utter his belief upon any theological or political matter? Again, we are asked to believe that Williams found in the baptism of this unauthorized layman, Holliman, that validity which he denied to any existing clerical baptism; when we hold to view the character of Williams, the thing is positively absurd. Is it to be believed that Roger Williams ever believed that he, being baptized by Holliman, could then perform a genuine office? Impossible. Why, then, was his baptism required? Could not Holliman perform upon others just as valid a baptism as he could perform upon Williams? Then why baptize Williams and get him to baptize ten others, and Holliman also? Such are the flimsy foundations upon which this story rests; there is nothing but idle gossip in it; neither logic nor evidence. But annihilation comes to the tale in the famous letter written by Richard Scott, whose wife "seduced" Mr. Williams. Scott says that "Williams walked with him in the Baptist way (possibly to meeting) about 3 or 4 months, * * in which time he brake off from the Society, and declared at large the ground and reason for it that their baptism (not his own, and yet if the story was true, it was his own,) could not be right, because it was not administered by an apostle."—(Fox's Fire Brand Quenched, p. 247.) Scott's letter was written in 1678. Such being the facts would it not be well before settling the manner of the baptism, to settle the fact? Winthrop's story lacks a sufficiently sound basis for a fact; and it possesses too much inherent improbability for the truth.

There is certainly as much force in the phrase of Morton, "He would run the same course of rigid separation and ana-

baptistry which John Smith, the Se-Baptist, had done," as there is in the phrase of Richard Scott, "Williams walked with me in the Baptist way three or four months"—but neither phrase has any precise meaning. When Morton wrote, in (say) 1665, and when Hubbard wrote (say in 1680), Mr. Williams was living; did either writer ever consult Williams, or give him an opportunity to verify or to deny these stories? Certainly not. Moreover, if Morton's story is true, then Hubbard's story is false; if Hubbard's story is true, then Morton's is false. Surely, both cannot be true.

The other day, a wagon finely painted with green and red, drawn by two fine horses, passed me in the street; on the side of the wagon I observed the letters, "l t h"; while I was puzzling myself over these cabalistic letters, the wagon was turned and the opposite side presented to me; there I saw the letters "hea"; putting the two things together I had "lthhea." The health officer who designed that lettering deserves to have his portrait printed in the *Journal*. Certainly, the worst punishment that a long suffering people can have inflicted.

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The 18th annual Report of the Providence Public Library has recently been issued. It devotes a large space, nearly one fifth of the entire contents, to a discussion, or to statements concerning the inordinate use of novels, not only in this but in other public libraries in Rhode Island. For this reason, since BOOK NOTES raised this question, it is proper that BOOK NOTES should now give it consideration. On page 26 is given the "Fiction" percentages of thirty-nine such libraries in various parts of the country; this average including of course the Providence Library, is .722; but in giving the Pawtucket Library the Librarian is in error; he gives it .739, when it is .842. In this list the Librarian gives the circulation of novels by all the public libraries in Rhode Island containing 5,000 volumes or over that number—there are eleven—the average circulation of novels is .771.

Here BOOK NOTES might leave the question, for the Librarian admits as much as BOOK NOTES claimed; but there are other things in the report to which we take exception. The Librarian (page 30) says concerning the system of classification, "it is the only one by which the books in this library have ever been numbered, and it was adopted in 1877," before the opening of the library, which was in 1878. The effect of this statement is misleading, whether designedly so or not, we do not

say; but it by no means prevents that manipulation for the purpose of a reduction of the percentage of fiction reading of which we have complained as being possible. Let us illustrate: take for instance, De Foe's *Colonel Jack*, the actual title of the book is, "The History and Remarkable Life of the Truly Honourable Colonel Jaque, vulgarly called Colonel Jack." If this is classed under *History*, it may be numbered 20,132; under *Biography, Life*, it might be 30,702; under *Fiction*, which it really is, it might be 17,032. Thus the system of *numbering*, "the only one ever used," enables the person classifying to place the novel under three different classes, two of which count against Fiction. Whether *Colonel Jack* is now in this library or not in it, makes no difference in the argument; other books are there which can be treated in just this way. This act, or art, of classification is the highest which can be required of a librarian; it requires profound knowledge joined with the clearest judgment; the person must *know* the contents, and the *meaning* of the contents of a book, or he can never correctly classify it; and in addition, he must be honest. The percentages quoted by the Librarian, in the cases of the 39 libraries, were obtained by no uniform system; and some of them were made with a purpose of reducing the "fiction" class.

ral public to this library; in 1895 it gave \$8,125. This percentage of novel reading, according to the private classification, increased from .597 in 1894 to .619 in 1895, more than two per cent. The more money taken from us the more novels are read.

In further illustration of the preponderance of mere novel reading by the people who use the public libraries, Book NOTES reproduces the following report of the Pawtuxet Valley Library. It is in the large village of Phenix, Warwick, and contains 4,358 volumes. The report is printed in the Pawtuxet Valley *Gleaner* of May 12, 1896, in these words:

"During the twelve years that the Pawtuxet Valley Public Library has been quietly performing its mission as a distributor of instructive and entertaining literature, it has circulated 118,840 books, divided among the several departments of literature as follows: History, 4,392; geography and travels, 3,482; biography, 2,308; science and art, 1,429; literature and language, 3,652; fiction, 101,245; miscellaneous, 1,422. The percentage of fiction to the total circulation is 85 1-5."

For the purpose of a comparison with those tables printed previously in Book NOTES, the following percentages have been calculated on the preceding figures; the proportions are,

Fiction,	.852	History,	.036+
	.852	Geogr'y & Trav.	.029+
	.852	Biography,	.019+
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	.832	Literature & lang.	.03+
	.852	Miscellaneous,	.01+

This showing is a little worse than the showing of Pawtucket. In order to parry the effect of such an expose, a friend urges that the library is antiquated; that its books are old and of small account. This argument is of no avail; if the *novels* were old, so too were the books of *Biography*, and the books of *Travel*; the relative conditions are the same. The conclusion is inevitable, that these libraries are the greatest feeders of novel readers now existing.

Under the former managers of the *Fournal*, the writer of Book NOTES was an occasional contributor of articles, always unsigned, of a historical or literary character; one of the articles so contributed was the following, which the writer now thinks is worth rescuing from the oblivion in which it now reposes:

Fictitious History.

In 1852 there was published in London a little book with the following title: *The Piedmontese Envoy, or the Men, Manners and Religion of the Commonwealth*, a tale by Prothesia S. Elton. This lady was the wife of the late Prof. Romeo Elton, of Rhode Island. In the course of the narrative several well-known historical characters are introduced, to wit: Cromwell, Sir Henry Vane, Dr. Fell, Lord Whitlocke, John Milton and many others. Milton figures largely in the dialogue of the story, which is finally brought to a close with two or three pretended letters of his. Into one of these letters Mrs. Elton puts the following eulogy of Roger Williams. The letter is supposed to be written to Count Pellavicini, and begins by pleasantly recalling a visit which the Count, in company with Milton, had made upon Mr. Livingstone, after which the letter proceeds: "We spoke of our mutual friend, Mr. Roger Williams, of Rhode Island, a colony in the New World, founded by that noble confessor of religious liberty, who, with many others, fled from tyranny in the latter part of the reign of Charles I. We rejoice in the zeal of that extraordinary man and most enlightened legislator, who after suffering persecution from his brethren persevered amidst incredible hardships and difficulties in seeking a place of refuge for the sacred ark of conscience." The letter then proceeds to relate that their friend, Livingstone, had bequeathed a tract of land, which he had bought in the Colony of Rhode Island, to Count Pellavicini, and upon which Milton is made to urge the Count to settle with his (for conscience's

sake) oppressed fellow citizens. Singularly enough this spurious letter has come to be quoted in several works of authority as a genuine opinion of Milton concerning the founder of Rhode Island. It was first quoted by Dr. Francis Vinton in his oration, the annals of Rhode Island, delivered in New York in 1863, introducing it with these words: "And yet it is not arrogant in the sons of Rhode Island to repeat what European philosophers have asserted and what the truth of history confirms." The reverend doctor proceeds to give, in a note, nearly the whole of the letter; portions of which, to give it more emphasis, appear in capitals.

The letter next appears in Allibone's Critical Dictionary of English Authors, published in 1871, in the article Roger Williams, volume 3, page 2747, where it is assigned to Milton, and quoted from the *Piedmontese Envoy*, and from Vinton's Annals, as previously stated. It again appeared in Prof. Philip Schaff's learned book on the Creeds of Christendom, vol. 1, page 852, quoted this time from Allibone in the manner above given. It thus seems as if this spurious letter had become fixed in the literature of the country in such a manner that it cannot be dislodged, since were new editions of Allibone and Dr. Schaff's book required, they would not displace those already resting in the libraries of the country, which must in the main form the consultation copies for many years to come.

The Bank of America Loan and Trust Company is a corporation created by the General Assembly; and so, too, is the city of Providence. How would it strike the owners of the former institution if the General Assembly should double the salaries of the cashier and the teller, and the bookkeeper, and force the bank to pay? Yet that is just what was done in the case of the John T. Blodget law here in Providence at the January session. The Boston

Herald of June 6 has this paragraph concerning a recent decision made by the New York Supreme Court:

"There is another feature of the decision that goes further, and denies the right of the Legislature to interfere in the local government. "The principle of local self-government," it declares, "is regarded as fundamental in American political institutions. It means that local affairs shall be decided upon and regulated by local authorities, and that the citizens of the different political divisions of the state have the right to determine upon their own public concerns and select their own local officials without being controlled by the general public or the state at large. For this purpose municipal corporations are established and are invested with rights and powers of government subordinate to the general authority of the state, but exclusive within their sphere."

Mr. John T. Blodget having failed to get an increase of salary on the part of his employers, sought and obtained the assistance of the supreme legislative power, which body increased his salary from \$1,200 to \$2,500; and the Providence taxpayers will be bled accordingly.

Some idea of the magnitude of the *New English Dictionary*, now in course of publication by the Oxford (England) University, may be had from a few figures concerning the part just issued, comprising the words *Field—Fish*.

Total words recorded in this part,	1985
" " " Webster's Unabridged,	481
" " " Funk's Standard,	986
" " " The Century,	969
" " " Cassell's Encyclopedic,	898

There are 1138 illustrative quotations in the "Century," while in the "New English" there are 8526. It is simply immense.

The Chicago Woman's Educational Union have caused to be prepared a small volume entitled *Readings from the Bible*, selected for schools, and to be read in unison. It overcomes every objection to the use of the Bible in the public schools. Protestant and Catholic will be both be uninjured by the use of it. It sells for 30 cents, neatly cloth bound.

You may have sung the song, but haven't solved the great "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me" puzzle which will be published in The Boston Sunday Herald June 14, 1896. The song was originally published in the Herald, and immediately became the most popular song of the season. The puzzle bids fair to equal the song in widespread interest. There is amusement in every letter. It is as contagious as the song.

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The pecuniary straits of the Olneyville Free Public Library has formed a subject of solicitude in the daily papers here for a fortnight past. Since some man has put his hand in his pocket, in order that the library may not be closed for a few weeks, and since the subject is germane to the questions recently discussed in BOOK NOTES, and now that no harm can come to the library by the writer's handling of the case, he comes to it.

The Olneyville Library was "founded" by Mr. James Eddy, a millionaire, on a pecuniary foundation amounting to absolutely nothing. At the time when Mr. Eddy began it, the people in Olneyville had the free use of the Woonasquatucket Free Library, containing upwards of 2,000 volumes, but owned by the Richmond Manufacturing Co. When this company gave up business, it gave a large portion of these books to the Olneyville Library, and since 1834, now twelve years, the library has been annually a recipient of the bounty of the state. It is fair to say that nearly all the books which it now possesses, were the product of this gift of the Richmond Manufacturing Co. and the bounty of the state. It is situated in the town of Johnston, and is for the use of that town; it contains, according to Mrs. Talbot-Smith, (*Journal*, 14 June.) 7,000 books; according to the 18th Rep. Prov. Lib., 6,106 books; according to the State Board

of Education, 6,639 books; which is correct, the present writer knows not. Mrs. Smith says by the "*latest estimate*" the circulation of books was 20,232, and this number Mr. Foster gives as an *actual statistic* in his report of 1896. Then Mrs. Smith gives these extraordinary percentages of classification of circulation:

Historical works,	.059	
Literature,	.014	What is it?
Providence,	.023	What is it?
Biography,	.058	
Providence,	.052	What is it?
Travels,	.014	
Providence,	.010	What is it?

This classification accounts for only .23 per cent of the circulation, and in it three classes, or one class three times repeated, to wit, Providence, represents .085, so that Mrs. Smith gives in fact only .15 of the real circulation. But if this "Providence" means books used by takers living in that city, and not living in Johnston, then the town council of Johnston has a good excuse for not voting the \$800 for the library use, the not doing of which Mrs. Smith so much deprecates; but why should Johnston tax its people to supply Providence people with books to read?

This extraordinary table is positively inexplicable; it shows no "Fiction," or novels, read; and it accounts for only .15 per cent. of total circulation; are we to

infer that the balance .85, represents novels? In his report, Mr. Foster gives the Fiction circulation at Olneyville, .631; which is correct, the present writer knows not. Mrs. Smith informs us that the rent costs nothing, that lighting, heating, and a janitor costs nothing; and, as above shown, the books cost nothing,—nevertheless, the library must be closed six days each week for lack of money. The people of Olneyville do not care enough for the library to pay the paltry sum needed to run it. Mrs. Smith says, "Flocks of school-children gather there." This may be metaphorical; it certainly is figurative language, but what does it mean? How many human beings make a flock? If such flocks of children really gathered there, and were really benefited, why did the town of Johnston refuse to give a dollar in support of the institution? have these favored children no parents looking to their welfare? I have stated that Mr. James Eddy began the institution, which the *Journal* says is mortgaged. This is true. Miss Sarah J. Eddy, a very rich daughter of the "founder" of the library, now has mortgages upon the property amounting to \$28,000, at 5 per cent. interest; the building is insured for \$20,000,—the policies being held by Miss Eddy as additional security for her loan, the premiums being paid by the library. This investment is held by Miss Eddy free of any tax—the library paying the tax, \$350. It is this interest money, and this tax, and this insurance, and this expense for care of the property, which has kept the library poor, and will always keep it poor; the Library Association has never been able to get from this investment, in rents, any more money than is required to pay Miss Eddy. Not a dollar has the library ever had with which to buy books,—it has had only its room; every cent of its income has been required to fill to the brim the golden cup in which centers the "interest" of this rich woman; and men have been begged, and begged, for money

with which to run the library without impairing this lady's income. This interest must be paid, even if the library has to be closed in consequence.

With Miss Eddy, this is *business*, not *benevolence*; the real benevolence is being done by other parties; but a single mill owner in Olneyville now assists, although repeatedly solicited. The chief benefit which Miss Waterman intended by the gift of a ten thousand dollar lot to this library is now reaped by Miss Eddy; the library gets never a dollar; people will not long give money under such conditions; the result is inevitable, the property must fall into the hands of this "benefactress," books and all. Miss Waterman's lot was, after all, a gift to this already rich woman. Now why does not this very rich woman, who talks benevolence, but really means business, give the interest money which she regularly collects, to the library; then let the town give annually as much money as it collects in taxes from this library association back to it, and the problem is solved.

——— "and he rails
Even there where merchants most do congregate,
On me, my bargains and my well-won thrift
Which he calls interest."

There is another word spoken in Mrs. Smith's paper which ought to interest us here in Providence. She says "it costs the Providence Public Library about 33 cents a volume to circulate its books, while Olneyville does it at a cost of 11 cents." According to the latest report of the Providence Public Library, there were taken out 71,654 novels. It cost the library to circulate them, \$23,645.82. Now good novels can be bought at about 3 cents each, in such quantities; 71,654 novels would cost the library \$2,149.62; why not buy and give them away, instead of loaning; the saving to the library would then be, \$21,496.20; then this large sum could be devoted to substantial literature.

Prof. James of Chicago University, in a paper published by the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences (No. 172), reviews Bryce's *American Commonwealth*. The Professor begins by complimenting the book in the following phrases,—“unique,” “comprehensive,” “intelligent;” “the best of all such accounts;” “remarkable for mastery of detail;” “and firm grasp of general principles;” “Mr. Bryce has not only succeeded in presenting an able exposition of matters on which previous writers had written, but he enters with equal success fields in which systematic material is very meagre;” “he treats subjects in a most satisfactory way;” “no one can read the book without great admiration for its lucidity of expression;” “and the accuracy in matters of detail;” “comprehension of plan,” &c. Thereupon Prof. James comes to the purpose of his publication. “The following paper deals exclusively with the *first* volume of the 3d edition (which by the way has been twice revised and corrected). There are five general points as to which criticism will be offered in these pages: *First*. The author's standpoint as to the basis of the classification and the distribution of functions between States and Nations; *Second*. His remarks on the subject of the responsibility of officials; *Third*. His exposition of the judicial power of the United States; *Fourth*. His foundation of the principles of constitutional interpretation; *Fifth*. His views as to the final authority in interpreting the constitution. There are various other subjects of minor importance which will be mentioned in the course of the discussion.” Now in the face of really clever and effective criticism, why send ahead of it, all that “taffy”? Prof. James has shown the book to be fatally defective in several fundamental positions. Why not say so, without so much “soft sawder.” BOOK NOTES long ago pointed out some of these very evils, which the Chicago Professor describes as “accuracy in matters of details;” to be

quite explicit, Mr. Bryce's statement of the action of the President in the matters of State troops, other than those of Rhode Island in the Dorr war; and the extremely erroneous statement of the case of Trevett vs. Weeden. Under this criticism Prof. Bryce made some changes, but in some respects his work was left in a worse condition than it was before the attempted correction.

The Sugar Bounty law was enacted by the 51st Congress, late or near the close of the second session, in 1890. It provided that on and after July 18th, 1891, a bounty of two cents per pound should be paid to the producer of maple sugar, said sugar testing not less than 90 degrees under the polariscope, and if showing less than 90 degrees, then one and three quarter per cent. The amount paid in bounties on maple sugar from 30 June, 1891, to 30 June, 1892, was \$2,465 74; from 30 June, 1892, to 30 June, 1893, \$60,119 32; from 30 June, 1893, to 30 June, 1894, \$116,121 90. The law was repealed 28 August, 1894. Bounty payments were at once stopped, but the amount which had already been paid, together with the claims pending, amounted to \$123,079 15. These pending claims are now being paid under the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. The number of trees tapped from 30 June, 1892, to 30 June, 1893, was 3,601,208; and from 30 June, 1893, to 30 June, 1894, 3,424,358. The amount of “maple sugar,” or what was called by that sweet name, which was produced from 30 June, 1892, to 30 June, 1893, was 7,655,116; and from 30 June, 1893, to 30 June, 1894, the amount was 7,633,066. With fewer trees tapped, and a smaller yield, the amount paid in bounties nearly doubled,—and real maple sugar was actually driven out of the market. It was so much adulterated with cheap brown sugar as to be unrecognizable. Such was the effect of “Protection.” Then to cap the climax the Supreme Court refused to

consider the question upon its merits, but made a technical decision. Let me quote a paragraph from Carlyle, condensed a bit:

"Foolish men imagine that because judgment for an evil thing is delayed there is no justice, but an accidental one, here below. Judgment for an evil thing is many times delayed some day or two, some century or two, but it is as sure as life, it is as sure as death! In the center of the world-whirlwind, verily now as in the oldest days, dwells and speaks a God. The great Soul of the world is JUST. Can it be needful at this late epoch to remind thee that there is justice here below, and that even at bottom, there is nothing else but justice.

A gentleman who has carried on business here in Providence on Westminster for many years, and who still continues it in the same locality, who lived in Elmwood and paid his taxes here, and took books from the Providence Library, not long since built a house in the suburb Auburn, and removed into it; he was deprived of his card, and no longer permitted the use of books. In the light of such a fact, Mr. Foster's statement concerning the Olneyville Library in the Journal of 12th June, reads queerly. He says, "The Olneyville Library has for several years past stood to this (Providence Public) Library, virtually in the relation of a branch to the main library"; again, "Books have been sent thither for its readers." Is this fair towards the person above mentioned? Moreover, do books thus circulated count both for the Providence Library and the Olneyville "Branch"?

President Cleveland could honestly run on the St. Louis platform, which Mr. McKinley cannot do; and nobody will trust him in case he does so.

There are men who look upon such an event as providential. To me it is simply the pulsation of the great heart of the masses.

For the purpose of setting forth clearly the Forgery connected with the Original Deed from the Sachems to Williams, Mr. Rider has written a *Historical Tract*, the manuscript of which is now in the hands of the printer. The subject will be treated under nine heads, as follows:

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THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 27, 1895.

In order to determine which is the most popular bicycle, the Boston Herald has inaugurated a voting contest to be participated in by the cyclists of New England. This ballot, which is published every day in the Herald, is to be filled in with the name of the wheel preferred, the name and address of the voter thereon, then to be cut out and dropped into the Bicycle Ballot Box at the Herald office, or sent by mail addressed, "Bicycle Ballot Box, Boston, Mass."

In McClure's Magazine for July, one of the few women who have made the ascent of the Matterhorn—an ascent always requiring the utmost strength of muscle and the utmost certainty of nerve—will tell the story of her experience. This woman is our whilom citizen, Miss Peck, once a teacher in the Providence schools.

There were sixteen competitors for the prize of \$200 offered by some one, through Brown University, for the best essay on

the question of priority of Religious Liberty as between Rhode Island and Maryland. The writer is not among these competitors. The suggestion of the idea of offering this prize was one outcome of the efforts of the writer, in the autumn of 1894, comprised in a series of papers entitled *Rhode Island's Gift to the Nation*, published in BOOK NOTES.

There is amusement, and possibly instruction, in old books, which lends to them an interest entirely outside of their money value; this amusement consists in the annotations of former owners. There came to us the other day, a little book printed in New York in 1806, entitled the *English Nun*. It tells of the successful resistance of Louisa against temptations to evil doing. At the end of the book is written, "uninjured lamb—like best a lion roused;" then some one else has written, "that is what I like." In these sentences lies the true criticism of the story. On the front fly-leaf is written, in a beautiful hand, Miss Seraphena Bradford, from her affectionate father. Bristol, March 20, 1828."

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A manuscript History of Wickford, R. I., has been recently submitted to the writer for publication. It was not accepted for reasons which will become apparent upon reading this paper. Here are a few extracts from the manuscript: "The Updike family had so prominent a part in the early settlement of our beautiful Venice, and prior to the permanent attachment of the name Wickford, the little hamlet was by everybody called Updike's *Newtown*. About 1709, Lodowick Updike laid out village streets and lots, less than a mile from the old block house, and began to sell plats to purchasers. Even as late as 1777 (R. I. Col. Rec. v. 8, p. 197,) the Assembly granted a charter to the *Newtown* Rangers, a company doing duty at "Updike's Newtown," although the Colonial Records as far back as 1663, say that the *Town* is for the future called 'Wickford.'" Then, continues the narrator: "There are several reasons given for its present name. Some say that it is from 'Wick's Ford,' so called from Mr. Lodowick Updike, ('Wick' being a nickname for Lodowick,) the former owner of the land upon which it stands." The Narragansett Historical Register, V. I., page 214, says this, and adds: "The village was formerly an Island, and the place of entrance was called 'The Ford,' afterwards Wick's Ford; the teamsters who drew ship-timber down to 'the Point,' now Baker's wharf, at the terminus of Main street, complained how bad the Ford was at night; i

was in the road close to where Mr. Shippee's, now Stafo'd's, blacksmith shop is, and near where the Methodists have built their chapel; in order to remedy the gloom, they furnished a lamp which consisted of a "wick" drawn through an iron ring, and elevated to burn, the other end drawing from a vessel of grease or oil in an open pot, which contrivance was called a "Kill Devil"; in time it came to be spoken of as "the Ford at the wick," afterwards running into "Wickford."

All this was indeed taken from the Historical Register as stated, but the writer of the manuscript failed to note this paragraph at the head of the article in the Register: "We give from traditions of the origin of the name of this place, and beg leave here to say *there is no truth* in the matter worthy of any, historical importance; they are mere fictions." It is not fair to make such use of an authority; still, it has been the constant practice here; the columns of the *Journal* have been filled with such nonsense for forty years. After introducing this stuff, the writer of the manuscript speaks of the name, Wickford, as having been taken from the town of Wickford, in England, and given by Elizabeth Winthrop, wife of Gov. John Winthrop of Connecticut; and that the name Elizabeth's Spring was given in honor or in remembrance of this lady. There is certainly no necessity for criticizing an unpublished manuscript, but it appeared to the writer that there is an opportunity here for an unsaid word upon a

good subject,—the origin of *Wickford*:—

This beautiful locality is among the finest, so far as natural scenery is concerned, in Rhode Island; and historically speaking, it is second in importance to no other place. The natural beauty of the locality made it, before the Englishmen came, the center of Indian power. It was the home of Canonicus and Miantinomi, and following them came a line of distinguished settlers. Roger Williams planted at Providence in 1636; Richard Smith planted at what came to be Wickford in 1641; Gov. John Winthrop planted at *Nameaug*, New London, in 1645. These men and their families living not far from each other became intimate. The Indian name of the locality was *Cawcawmsquissick*, and here Smith planted, and Canonicus staked out with his own hand, land which he gave to Roger Williams for his Trading house. Here for several years Williams lived, and from *Cawcawmsquissick* many of his letters were written. The earliest of them now preserved was written 28 May, 1647, to Gov. Winthrop, at *Nameaug*, (New London). An Indian messenger was the letter carrier, whom Williams employed; he paid the carrier six English awls for carrying the letter as far as Ninigret's wigwam at what is now Charlestown, and asked Gov. Winthrop to pay him six more awls, on his reaching *Nameaug*. Such was the earliest postal service in Rhode Island. There can be no risk in believing that these families were intimate, and made frequent visits among themselves. The early chronicles disclose no other names for these places than those here given. In an agreement between the agents of Connecticut and Rhode Island, made in April, 1663, the locality was spoken of as "that land about Mr. Smith's Trading house." (R. I. Col. Rec., I, 518.)

The charter of Charles the Second granted to Connecticut came in 1662. Under it that colony claimed all the Narragansett lands to the shores of the Bay. At a meeting of the Governor's Council, 10th July, 1663, the following order was issued:

"The Secretary also is ordered to send a letter to the inhabitants of Narragansett in the name of the Council, and to signify to them that Mr. Richard Smith, Sen'r, Capt. Edw'd Hutchinson, and L'ut. Jos: Hews are appointed select men at Mr. Smith's trading house; and Mr. Rich: Smith, Jun'r, is appointed constable for the Town, and Mr. Rich: Smith, Sen'r, is to administer an oath to him for a faithfull discharge of his office.

It is ordered, that the Plantations aforesaid shall for the future be called by the name of Wick forde; the copy of the Letter to Wickford hangs upon the file." (Conn. Col. Rec. V. 4, p. 407.)

At a meeting of the Council at Hartford, April 2d, 1664, Capt. Edward Hutchinson, Capt. William Hudson, and Richard Smith, Senior, were appointed commissioners, with "magisterial power, upon motion of the townsmen of Wickford." John Winthrop was the Governor of Connecticut, and was present at this council meeting. "The select men of Wickford" were given power to "keep courte for the determination of all cases"; the inhabitants of Wickford were "ordered to assemble themselves together" and "from amongst themselves" appoint two able and judicious men to serve as constables." The council expressed the desire that the inhabitants of Wickford would be carefull seasonably to provide an able orthodox minister to dispense the word of God to them, and if God please to incline Mr. Brewster to come amongst them, it is desired he might have all due encouragement."

Capt. Edward Hutchinson was appointed Commander-in-chief for the towne of Wickford at this meeting; and it was further made the "order of this council, that the officers respectively take due care to suppress sin and prophanesse, and encourage piety according to their best skill." (Conn. Col. Rec. V. 15, p. 536.) From this time, until the jurisdiction was taken from Connecticut by the King, in February, 1727, and given to Rhode Island, such things continued.

Captain Edward Hutchinson was the eldest

son of Anne Hutchinson, the famous disturber of the peace in Boston, and the sister of the seducer of Roger Williams, if Mr. H. M. Dexter is to be believed. Anne Hutchinson was killed by the Indians on Long Island in 1643, and her son, this Capt. Edward, was also killed by the Indians at Brookfield, Mass., in August, 1675. He was the grandfather of Gov. Hutchinson, the Historian of Massachusetts.

The charter of Charles the Second, creating the colony of Rhode Island, granted in 1663, reached Rhode Island in November of that year. So that it is quite clear that Wickford was made a town, by the colony of Connecticut four months before the Rhode Island charter reached these lands. The new town was never represented in the Connecticut General Assembly, nor was it ever taxed by that colony.

Lodowick Updick was the son of Gilbert Updike and Katharine Smith, a daughter of Richard Smith. Lodowick was born at New Amsterdam (New York) in 1646, where he with his father's family lived until 1664, about which time his father, Gilbert Updike, died, and the children and the family came to live with their grandfather, Richard Smith. Lodowick was 18 years of age when he came to live in Rhode Island, and Wickford had been given the name a year before he came. Thus all these nonsensical legends are historically destroyed, and a basis of rational history takes their places.

There is an entry in the Fones' Records (page 172) as follows: "At a commissioner's court held at *Wickford*, in Connecticut Collonie, 22 August, 1672, Present, Mr. Samuel Willis, Edward Hutchinson, Capt. William Hudson."

In a deed signed in 1672, Richard Smith describing himself as of *Narragansett*, in the *King's Province*. (Fones' Rec., 156.)

In a deed signed in 1673-4, Richard Smith describes himself as of *Wickford*. (Fones' Rec., 134.)

In a deed signed in 1687, Richard Smith describes himself as of "Rochester, in ye King's Province." (Fones' Rec., 157.)

As illustrative of the confusion of names, we give the following memorandum of a courte under the Andros usurpation, held at Major Richard Smith's, in Rochester, in ye King's Province, in June, 1686: It was ordered "that ye three towns, ye first and chiefe formerly called Kingstowne, to be called *Rochester*; ye second Westerly, to be called *Feversham*; and ye third, Greenwich, to be called *Dedford*."

The name, "Mr. Updike's *Newtown*," is a little more difficult of explanation; there is evidently something wrong about it; it is not mentioned in the early annals; but there is to be found the following:

From a report made by Edward Cranfield to the King, in October, 1683, it appears that two towns had been laid out, one named Wickford and the other, Newbury. (Fones' Records, p. 71.)

It further appears, that in an agreement made in 1679, by the owners (or their attorneys) of the lands in this territory, that a place "caled Newbery plantations" then existed. (Fones' Records, p. 34.)

Judge Potter has given the locality of *Newbarry* thus: "It was a tract of land six miles square, in the country west from Wickford; it was designed by Atherton and his associates for the French emigrants, but was never settled by them." Judge Potter quotes North Kingstown Records, V. 2, page 56, as his authority. This must be explained, for the reason that Atherton was killed by a fall from his horse, in Boston, in 1661, while the French emigrants came into that country in 1686. In that year, the *Atherton partners* (not Atherton) made an agreement with the French Huguenots "concerning ye settlement of a place called *Newberry Plantations* in ye Narragansett country." (R. I. Hist. Tract, 1st Ser. No. 5, p. 29.) There was no person by the name of Updike connected with the agreement. It is possible that "Mr. Updike's Newtown" grew out of the earlier "Newbury;" there could hardly have been two places with names so near alike, so near together.

The Monthly Bulletin is a periodical prepared and published at the office of the State Board of Health, designed to inculcate the principles of hygiene and present a record of the public health, mortality, and meteorology," and paid for by the General Assembly by means of a tax upon the people. The April number of the periodical contains 36 pages—8 pages consists of a *Syllabus*, (which is a Latin word meaning a compendium, or abstract of a treatise,) entitled "A Study of a Child." In was prepared for use in the schools by teachers, whose pupils are "between the ages of ten and sixteen" years, so that said teachers may be brought into "closer personal relations" and a "systematic and sympathetic study of *their* children," with a "clearer appreciation of their needs and possibilities." This extraordinary production consists of 232 questions direct, and possibly as many more indirect, concerning each child in every school. Many of these questions, in order to an adequate answer, would require the study of a lifetime devoted to the individual subject, added to the profoundest knowledge of man, the most complicated creation of the Creator, on the part of every teacher, with competent powers of observation of this most subtle of subjects, and sufficient knowledge of the English language to describe what they have found. Without disparagement to any individual, there is not such an individual to be found. Let me give you a few of these questions: Physical family history of every child—moral, religious, æsthetic influences surrounding; influence of companions, possessions, pets, dolls, &c.; resemblance to father or mother; bodily attitudes, color of hair, eyes, chest-girth, lung capacity by spirometer, digestion, habits of taking food and drink, motor ability, muscle control, pitch in speech, myopia, hypermetropia, astigmatism, degree of sensitiveness, taste and smell, knowledge of nature, knowledge of mankind, perception and discrimination, association, habit, by resemblance and contrast, creative power, apperceptive power, predominant mood; feelings manifest, fear, pride,

anger, fraternal or sexual love, hope, desire, ambition; action of the will; predominance of emotion, &c., &c. Now these children are sent to those teachers in order to be taught to read and to write; having been taught these two things, all other matters of knowledge concerning the world, and all things in the world, are open to the study. These children are not now taught to read, or to write, nor can one of them write a decently correct essay upon any subject. Because this knowledge proposed by this *Syllabus* is useful, even necessary to men, it does not follow that it shall be put upon every teacher for the short time that each pupil is before him. It is a study of a life-time—and a study, too, to which not one of us now living has ever been subjected,—and the introduction of such things is one reason for the present failure of the common school education. In March, this year, a child of ten years, in an Intermediate school, was being taught the peculiarities of Moorish architecture. A photograph of any teacher in any of our schools would be a study itself were we to ask her to give us in detail the apperception of Philomena Desdemona Crumbey. Why the State Board of Health should print such nonsense I cannot see, unless that by this Board's printing it, the expense is thrown upon the State.

The Ladies' Home Journal for July—an artistically attractive and interesting issue—opens with a sumptuously illustrated article on Joan of Arc and her home, by Emma Hopkins, who writes of the childhood and religious life of the Maid. Apropos of the approaching centenary of Burns, Arthur Warren presents "The Other Side of Robert Burns," revealing the better side of the poet. Hezekiah Butterworth tells a Brook Farm story, "The Wife of Ben Bow," and Alice Rollins humorously romances of "A Town Bicycle." Dr. Parkhurst speaks forcibly to young men in his paper, "A Young Man's Religious Life," and Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, with equal vigor and directness, writes to girls concerning beauty.

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The thoroughness of construction of the new Central Police Station, or the lack of it, was clearly shown in the escape of a negro held on a charge of burglary. The negro simply wrenched with his hand, in open day, while the building was absolutely filled with officers, a window screen from its fastening and scurried away. Had he known the lay of the town better his run would have been longer. But relying upon the veracious narratives published by the *Journal* and the *Telegram*, how are we to measure the strength and character of the religious sentiment, or the phlegm of the negro, on his return to the station?

[*Journal*.]

"The negro refused to talk about his daring flight, but spent his time on his bended knees praying, as he said, to his mother."

The only thing positively shown here is, that the negro was not a Roman Catholic; he did not pray to a Virgin,—which fact, possibly, accounts for the difference in the narratives.

[*Telegram*.]

"Turner was at once placed in a cell and at once lay down and turned over to sleep, the coolest man who had figured in the affair."

This established the sleepy condition of the negro, albiet, it was 10 o'clock in the morning, and his "phlegm"—but it raises the question—what did he "lay down"?

The Review of Reviews for July is a strong political number. The portraits of prominent men of all shades of politics are numerous and interesting, and the editorial comment on the present situation is luminous. The Review is the only monthly which is able to keep fully abreast of all political movements and changes. It is never caught napping. The action of the St. Louis Convention on the 18th of June is already history to the Review of Reviews which appeared on the first day of July; indeed, that action had been definitely and accurately predicted in the number of the month previous. The Review has shown such possibilities in political magazine journalism as had not been dreamed of in the philosophies of the magazine editor of the conventional type.

Is it persecution or prosecution which Mr. Henry C. Clark is practicing upon Mr. Engineer Shedd? Why has Mr. Clark selected, and so persistently followed Mr. Shedd, from among all the persons holding offices under the city government who pursue an outside private business? Why not uncover Mr. Clark's cat-in-the-meal, and let us see whether revenge is hitched to the tail of the animal? Is Mr. Clark attempting to "get square" with somebody? Surely, Mr. Clark is not the only man in the city who works only *pro bono publico*. Mr. Shedd may have made mistakes,—most men have done so—but Mr. Shedd's mistakes were honest; there was no taint of fraud about them; he has served the city long and well, his salary has been fairly earned, and he has never undertaken to increase it through appeals to the courts, or to the legislature; he has been an honest, modest public servant.

My neighbor, Mr. Jason Stone, one of the Board of Canvassers, complains of the injustice of a Book Note on the John T. Blodget law, whereby the salaries of neighbor Stone and his brother canvassers were increased from \$1,200 to \$2,500 a year, and the city of Providence forced by this statute to pay them,—and the tax on my house has been increased to pay my neighbor \$8.34 per day for his wages. Mr. Stone claims that he is a *State* officer; but how does this mend matters? Why should the city of Providence pay *State* officers?

THE CHANGES IN LEGISLATURES.—I do not look for the improvement of democratic legislatures in quality within any reasonable period. What I believe democratic societies will do, in order to improve their government and make better provision for the protection of property and the preservation of order, is to restrict the power of these assemblies, and to shorten their sittings, and to use the referendum more freely for the production of really important laws. I have very little doubt that before many years elapse in America, people will more largely get their government from constitutional conventions, and will confine the legislatures within very narrow limits, and make them meet at rare intervals. The tendencies all over the Union are in this direction.—*E. L. Godkin in the July Atlantic*.

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SHANNOCK.

This is now the name of a post village in the southerly bound of the town of Richmond. It was first given in our histories by Judge Potter (Hist. Narrag. p. 305) in 1835. Judge Potter says, "still so called," but he does not inform us what is still so called, nor since when it was originally so called; then he follows with this: "Mishanneke, a squirrel? Key 95," by which he means that by referring to Williams's Key to the Indian Language, page 95, you will find the word, Misshanneke, which means a squirrel, and he makes a query, whether this word Shannock was not thus derived, and has that meaning. Judge Potter has also noted in this connection the Indian word given by Mr. Williams in the 12th chapter of the Indian Key, *Mishannock*, which Williams defines as the "Morning Starre." It is evident that Judge Potter thought that the modern *Shannock* came from one of these words.

Next came Dr. Usher Parsons in 1861, with *Shannock*, which name he applies to a river in North Stonington, Conn., notwithstanding he is giving only Indian names in Rhode Island, and with Dr. Parsons, the query by Potter becomes actual assertion. He says the word means "squirrel river."

Then came the Rev. Mr. Denison in 1878; and gives the word, which he applies to 'Hills in the southeast corner of Richmond, signifies "squirrel," thus following Parsons,

who had stamped certainty upon Potter's guess.

Then came Dr. Trumbull, with his "Indian Names of Connecticut," 1881, with the words *Shannock* and *Shunock*, which he says is a river in North Stonington, Conn. He says the word is equivalent to the Mohegan word *Shawwunk*, which means "place where two streams meet." Dr. Trumbull also gives *Shanock* applied to a hill in the southerly part of Richmond, west of *Ashuniant* [Charles] river, for which statement Trumbull quotes Parsons (page 10); at this place Parsons gives the word "*Ashuniant*, a river in Richmond, probably *Beaver* river." Then continues Trumbull: "Transferred from the river, or rather from the point of junction of Wood and Charles rivers," wherein Trumbull is confused, or the explanations cease to explain. The third notice of the word *Shannock* which Trumbull gives is to a "river so called by the Indians, and by the English, Paugatuck," for which he quotes a Report of a "Connecticut" Committee on the Narragansett lands made in 1677. The language of this report on these points is as follows:

"Allsoe we have taken a survey of a place called by the Indians Chippachoog, in which tract of land are meadows lying in two places, one being a boggy mead, by which are severall playnes of very good land for corn, which place will give entertaynement sufficient to six score families at least; the said tract

of land lying southwest from the Sunk Squas plantation, being about eight miles from the harbor at Capt. Hudson's house, that land being bounded by a great pond, *Acqueebapaguck*, (probably Worden's,) on the west and on the northernmost branch of a river called by the Indians, *Shannuck*, and by the English, *Paugatuck*.

"Alsoe we apprehend that on the west of *Shannuck*, alias *Paugatuck* river, being situate on the west of the foresayd *Chippachooog*, there is sufficient land both meadow and upland to accommodate four score families." (R. I. Col. Rec., V. 2, p. 596.)

Possibly, this matter can be more clearly stated. There is a river emptying into *Little Narragansett Bay*, thence into Long Island Sound, which river separates Rhode Island from Connecticut at this point, and separating the towns of Westerly, Charlestown, and South Kingstown, from Stonington, Hopkinton, and Richmond. This river is now known as the Pawcatuck. In 1677 the Indians called this river, *Shannuck*, and the English called it *Paugatuck*. The English application of a name has survived. On a map of 1824 a portion of this river, that running from Worden's pond to the mouth of Wood river, was called "Charles" river, and it is to this section that Trumbull has in 1881 applied the name.

Strangely enough, this word *Paugatuck* is omitted by Trumbull from his *Indian Names*. It is surely Indian; possibly it was applied to the lower *Pawcatuck*, while to the upper portion the name *Shannuck* was given.

In further illustration of the word *Ashuniunk*, Potter says it was either *Beaver* or *Usquepaug* river. This latter was the continuation of the *Pawcatuck* above Worden's pond. The earliest mention of *Ashuniunk*, a river, occurs in the Indian deed, *Wanumachon* to Stanton, in 1662. (Potter's *Narragansett*, p. 66.)

The interpretation of the word *Shannock*, as rendered by Parsons and Denison, from Potter's query, "Squirrel," is rejected by Trumbull. He says: "You need not hesi-

tate to reject his (Dr. Parsons) interpretation. The name of an animal without an affix was never used by the Indians as the name of a place (locality) or river. They might give to woodlands or to a hill the designation of "a place where squirrels are plenty" or to the like; but they did not call hill, woodland, or river, a squirrel." (Rhode Island Census, 1885, page 95.)

It is positively certain that in the earliest period of any English knowledge of these lands, the Indians knew two specific streams by precisely similar names,—*Paugatuck* or *Shannock*; or it is equally certain that in applying these names to two different rivers the Englishmen have become confused. The names appear in the earliest records in North Stonington, Conn., and also to a much larger stream in Southwestern Rhode Island.

There is a spelling, "Shawnuck," applied to a river in Connecticut, flowing south and emptying into the Pawcatuck. It is upon a map which appears in Bowen's *Boundary Disputes*, page 46, and is therein written in a document dated 1720. In this same document appears the name, "Ashewag" river, a name now written *Asheway*.

There is no evil so bad but that there is some small good in it. Even a Trust, which is a gigantic robbery, was started upon a proposition to benefit the public. Here in Providence we have a diminutive specimen of a Trust which is positively comical. Twenty-six young men formed a *Newspaper Trust*, for the purpose, as they said, of shaking off that odious monopoly, the Rhode Island News Company. The city was divided into twenty-six districts, each under the charge of one of these public benefactors, and every street was to be carefully canvassed, so that every man who desired a Sunday paper, and was possessed of the necessary five cents, could get one. It was a good scheme, and all the Sunday papers fell into it. But these twenty-six public spirited young men began at once to make conditions more odious than were those which they pretended to overthrow. These obnox-

ious and arbitrary measures were first applied to the smaller dealers who had been in possession of the field before this "Protective Association" was born, and those small fellows were soon held under control. Then began an attempt to control the great newspapers, both New York and Boston, and the *Telegram* and the *Journal* here. A Sunday paper which did not submit to the terms the Association offered, or devised, was not allowed to be sold in any of the 26 districts of the city, and in case any man sold it, such man could not have for sale either of the local Sunday papers, to wit, the *Telegram* or the *Journal*. The 26 men "public" benefactors, then increased the price to us buyers from 5 to 8, and even to 10 cents per copy. The New York Sunday papers first kicked, supplying their issues through the R. I. News Co.; this kick resulted in a first week's sale of about 850 papers, and in a last week's sale of 3500 papers. The Boston *Herald* then kicked, and the town is now flooded; prices went from 10 cents, down to 8, then 6, and now to 5 cents, and everybody, save only the "Protective" twenty-six, was happy. Did these 26 aspiring youths suppose they could dam a cataract, or stop the sale of the "Herald" here? Neither the *Journal* nor *Telegram* is yet sold by their publishers at wholesale rates to anybody save only the "26," or their manager. The *Journal*, doubtless, hoped that by helping these "benefactors" to raise the prices of the New York and Boston papers to 6, 8 or 10 cents, the sales of those outside papers would be restricted, and that men would buy their papers instead; but it didn't succeed. It was a nasty trick. Fair play is the winning card in the end; and BOOK NOTES stands for it every time. The New York and Boston papers are actually selling through the "boy-cotted" dealers—that is, through those small dealers which the "26" threw out,—more Sunday papers than ever before by thousands of copies; and this result has come from the unwittingly selfish purpose of the *Journal* in assisting this picayune monopoly.

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Messrs. Sampson, Murdock & Co. issue this summer the fifth number, in its present form of their Providence House Directory. This book has actually become a volume worth reviewing, in the matter of general interest; it is, as everybody knows, a numerical list of the inhabitants dwelling upon all the streets; it is not confined to the *elite*, for my own name is in it; nevertheless, it is a *blue book* at any rate, so far as the covers are concerned. It is a portly volume, too, even if Providence is a provincial town; it has almost 800 pages. I cannot conceive of a more interesting book than this one is to those who formerly dwelt in Providence, but who now have gone to raise the standard of intelligence in distant places. It has lists of churches, and banks, and theatres, and hotels, just as other Directories have long had; but it has other things which the other Directories do not have; lists of club members, halls, blocks, parks, libraries, steamers, wharves, &c., &c.; and then it will take the street on which you used to live and show you just how many of your old neighbors still live "around there"; in this respect it is mighty interesting reading.

There can be found for sale at 61 Snow street, a little book on the *Duties and Liabilities of Trustees*, by an English Barrister, Augustine Birrell. The cases cited are of great interest. So many men, not only here, but everywhere, aspire to hold other men's money *in trust*, (or in any other way,) that it is well to know their rights and risks, provided the *cestui que trust*, that is, the person supposed to be benefited, or protected, gets anything out of it. This book will be a source of protection to both parties in these trust cases. The price is \$1.25.

The Macmillan Company publishes a monthly journal, entitled *Book Reviews*, which is given to accounts of new and current publications. The July number gives the books of the month (June) on page 95. It comprises fifteen books, issued by all the publishers in the United States. These fifteen books were the publications of Lipincott Company, Merriam Company, Tait & Sons, Funk & Wagnalls Company, W. R. Jenkins, Roberts, and Putnams' Sons, and of the entire lot ten were novels. Following this list comes the publications of the Macmillan Company for the same month; it comprises fifty-nine separate works. One might suppose that the entire publishing business had fallen into the hands of the Macmillan Company.

Mr. W. E. Benjamin, of New York, has now ready the magnificent book by Mr. J. B. Thacher, entitled *The Continent of America*. It purports to set forth the evidence on which to form an opinion of the propriety of naming the new world after Americus Vesputius; and it claims to have the fact that Vesputius, and not Columbus, was the actual discoverer of the main land, or continent; and that he was the first man to realize that a new world had been discovered, and not a part of an old world. Mr. Thacher tells how the new found continent happened to be named America, where the christening was done, and who did it. The volume is a folio, half vellum, gilt tops, with uncut front edges, and sells at \$25 per copy.

If anybody supposes that the Rhode Island Democrats—here I mean the wisest and the best men among them—will not vote the Chicago ticket, let him; he will discover his mistake on or about the 6th day of next November. It is "Kid" Bryan, here, sure, and don't you forget it.

There will be this advantage at any rate in flooding the West with printed financial arguments by the East. The western farmer won't have to burn so much of his wheat.

But now that Prof. Alonzo Williams, having given two days, seven hours and thirteen minutes to the study of finance, and gone west on a "lecturing" tour in the interest of gold, the thing may be considered as settled; the distinguished linguist will doubtless leave Chicago in a "subjunctive" mood.

The procession of *employees* of the corporation of the city of Providence will be resumed in September towards the State House, to get laws enacted increasing their salaries, and making it obligatory upon the city to pay them. The invariable success of these processions insures their continuance. The route will be *via* Crooked lane, and Intrigue avenue; and Legalized Robbery will be the result, and our homes taxed to pay the poor pilgrims.

The New England Magazine for July has an elaborate paper on the life service of Henry Barnard, who was the first superintendent of public schools which Rhode Island had. It is enriched by many portraits, and the bright and cheery face of the friend that he is, looks out from every page directly at us.

The business of a bookseller, calling around him, as I once knew it, the wisest and witliest men and women of the town, made a school not to be despised, and produced a class of men who really became an educational force in the community; but just see the depth to which the craft has descended; here is a paragraph taken from the catalogue of a New York (I can't call him a bookseller, for it disgraces the name,) second-hand dealer in books, on the matter of discounts. Can anything more vile be imagined?

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The shock to Mr. D. F. Lingane's nervous system in consequence of his shooting Oscala Cook, was so great that Mr. Lingane was unable to stand the effect of his *third* trial for that amusement; nervous exhaustion forced Lingane to seek solitudes where there was as much law, but less practice. Most opportunely Lingane's wanderings came to an end just two days after the close of the March session of the court; so that he cannot be given an opportunity to manipulate the jury until the autumn. Meanwhile, the *Telegram* continues to grow better and better.

Editorial articles in the *July Century* deal with "The Folly of Bimetallism," "President Cleveland's Emancipation Proclamation," (i. e., the recent Civil Service order); "Fears for Democracy," apropos of Mr. Lecky's volume "Democracy and Liberty," and "The Attempt to Revive Intellectual Piracy," which, it is asserted, would be the result of the passage of the Treloar copy-right bill.

The last thing written by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, only a few days before her death, was a loving acknowledgment to the public for fond remembrances and tokens and expressions of affectionate esteem, on her 85th birthday, which she sent to *The Ladies' Home Journal*. In the next issue of this magazine it will be published in *fac simile*. It reflects the beautiful nature of the gifted authoress, and by her death has become her last message to the American public.

The August *McClure* has a paper on Abraham Lincoln's more important law cases, which will be a revelation to most readers. It tells the story of these cases, which is in each instance very entertaining; and shows that very early Lincoln as a lawyer was entrusted with most important interests.

The *Journal* has recently contained several columns of matter concerning a certain filthy vagabond who once dwelt "around" here, known as Ben Kit. It is strange that

people should write such stuff, and stranger still that the *Journal* should print it, save on the theory that it costs nothing. Why not draw on your recollection for something about somebody worth remembering, instead of this nasty fool? There have been many things said by the writers of these communications which have no foundation in fact; thus, the name of the individual was by one, said to have been Benjamin Christopher Waterman, and that the "Waterman" had been dropped and "Christopher" changed to the nickname, "Kit." This cannot be true,—as a witness in the trial of Gordon, this person testified under the name of Benjamin Waterman. If the *Journal* had only told us that Mr. "Kit" was a lineal descendant from Isabella Kit, who put herself up in a lottery for a husband, as reported in the 168th number of the *Tatler*, we might have believed it.

W J. Wiley, assignee of A. D. F. Randolph & Co., book publishers and sellers, of Nos. 91 and 93 Fifth avenue, obtained leave yesterday to file a provisional bond of \$30,000. It was stated that the firm's liabilities are \$107,000, nominal assets \$138,000, the actual cash value of which is \$40,000, but are subject to certain claims which would leave the net available assets applicable to creditors between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Such is the tale of an honest, educated bookseller, whose life was spent, for Mr. Randolph has recently died, in laying before his customers the best literature of all times. It is a disgrace upon the age in which we live that such a man must inevitably come to such an end. Still, so it is.

In the *Metaphysical Magazine* for July, Prof. Elmer Gates, formerly of the Smithsonian Institute, explains the results of his extended experimental researches in the domain of Psychology. These experiments have been conducted in a thoroughly scientific manner, and the demonstrations are of the very highest importance to every branch of learning.

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The History of the Hazard Family in Rhode Island.

The preacher, Robert Hall, once said, "that families were so many centres of attraction which prevent mankind from being scattered and dissipated by the repulsive powers of selfishness," and that "as in operations of the intellect, we proceed from the contemplation of individuals to the formation of general abstractions," developing and advancing until "we reach those more expanded regards which embrace the immense society of the human kind." A new History of a Family has just been published, *The Hazard Family of Rhode Island, 1635-1894*, by Caroline E. Robinson. The subtitle reads "Being a Genealogy and History of the Descendants of Thomas Hazard, with Sketches of the Worthies of this Family, and Anecdotes illustrative of their Traits, and also of the times in which they lived; embellished with Portraits and Fac-similes, and with Map and Index." Boston. Printed for the Author. 1895. The book is an exceedingly beautiful quarto volume of nearly 300 pages, comely in form, and good to look upon. As the title indicates, the book is something more than a mere list of men and women, and children; it is an attempt to tell somewhat of the doings of these people; it deals with history, as all genealogies should, and which is the only justifiable reason for their existence. The proper study

of mankind is man, but we cannot study men without knowing what their actions were. So far as the mere record is concerned, BOOK NOTES knows nothing; births, deaths, names, and such incidents, are absolutely necessary to be stated, and stated correctly, but it is to the "actions" that we must finally come, in order to get any general good out of a family history.

Mrs. Robinson gives on her title page the Arms of the "Hazard" family of Rhode Island. "Shepherd" Tom, in his "Recollections," between pages 164-165, gives the arms of the "Hassard" family of England, and "Shepherd" Tom (p. 172) says "it is from the Nottingham branch of this ancient family that the Rhode Island Hazards claim to be descended." Mrs. Robinson alludes to this statement without reproducing or supporting it, but she publishes her book under the same arms, which is in effect admission of the fact. There is a mixing of mottos here which BOOK NOTES does not understand. "Shepherd" Tom gives the motto, "*Fortuna viam ducit*," Fortune leads the way; but Mrs. Robinson gives it, *Sinceritas*. Burke gives the arms just as both "Shepherd" Tom and Mrs. Robinson notes it, but with the motto, *Vive en espoir*, on the crest, and the motto, *Fortuna viam ducit*, beneath the shield. BOOK NOTES knows no better authority than Burke. The evolution of the name in England, if "Shepherd" Tom is correct, is thus: Hassard, Hasard, Hazard,

Hassart; in Rhode Island, the evolution of the name has been, Hazard (1638), Hassard (1734), Hassard (1750), and Hazard, since to the present time. Mrs. Robinson chiefly uses the form, "Hazard"; she admits also a limited number under the name, "Hassard," but the Hassards she excludes altogether.

In 1734, the original manuscript, *Acts and Resolves* of the General Assembly, shows as plainly as if printed, that the Hon'ble George Hassard, Esq., was elected Deputy Governor of Rhode Island, and so for five years he was annually elected to that office, dying while holding it. This fact Mrs. Robinson has given (page 24), and many other facts, but under the name, "George Hazard," and this form she has supported by an excellently engraved fac-simile of the signature, *George Hazard, Dep't Gov.* There is no "getting away" from this; it proves the confusion in spelling the name, and emphasizes the necessity of placing "Hassard" in her Index. Mr. Arnold, in his *History of Rhode Island*, (Vol. 2, p. 260,) in a note gives the name *Hassard*, which, by referring to the originally printed *Acts and Resolves*, Sept. 1765, p. 48, will be found to be *Hazard*. This transaction concerned the opposition to the *Stamp Act*; the General Assembly was about to send commissioners to New York, to meet commissioners from the other colonies, to take action upon the matter; the Assembly desired "Instructions" for this commission, and appointed a committee to draft such "Instructions." This committee consisted of Othniel Gorton, Daniel Jenckes and George Hazard. These admirable Instructions were reproduced by Mr. Arnold, (*Hist. R. I.*, 2, p. 284). This interesting fact is probably narrated under the proper "George," but since there are fifty-four individuals by that name (with variations), BOOK NOTES had not the patience to investigate.

Mrs. Robinson gives an elaborate note concerning Jonathan Hazard, a prominent political character, who was a member of the constitutional convention of 1790, which body adopted the United States Constitution.

There has always been a tradition of political treachery on the part of Mr. Hazard in this matter,—that he was bribed by the commercial interests to sell out his constituents. Judge Staples alludes to it in his *Rhode Island in the Continental Congress*, 1870, page 691. Judge Staples had before hinted these things, *Annals of Providence*, p. 349. All this tradition Mrs. Robinson gives, and she also gives something which has not before been given, to wit, an original letter written by Jonathan Hazard concerning that event; the conclusion is that Mr. Hazard was sacrificed by his friends—made by them a political scape-goat. This letter was well worth printing.

The account which Mrs. Robinson gives was chiefly taken from Updike's *Hist. Nar. Ch.*, and properly credited. In it occurs this paragraph: "The constitution was adopted by a bare majority of one, some say two, but the original paper upon which the yeas and nays were taken gives only a majority of one." This statement was made by Wilkins Updike in his *Hist. Nar. Ch.* page 329, published in 1847. Among recent writers, Judge Staples was the first to give this majority of two, (*Annals of Prov.*, 1840, page 349.) Mr. Arnold, in his *Hist. R. I.*, follows Staples, taking no notice of the statement by Updike. In 1863, Mr. Updike gave to the State all the documents which the State now has concerning this convention. It was these papers upon which Staples rested for the Journal of the convention and other matters concerning it, which he published in his *Rhode Island in the Continental Congress*. Staples gives the copy from the record: "Saturday, May 29, 1791. The quest being then put at 20 minutes past five p. m., it passed in the affirmative—thirty-four members voting for the adoption and thirty-two against it." Staples then gives the names of the members and how they voted; this he took, not from these Updike papers, for it was not there, but from the *U. S. Chronicle*, a Providence newspaper, and Staples, concerning it, says (page 674),

"Among the papers found with the Journal of Mr. Secretary Updike, there is no copy of the formal vote of ratification." Nevertheless, Mr. Wilkins Updike, in 1847, quoted and referred to it; it was not given to the State by him in 1863. Mr. W. Updike's brother, Daniel Updike, was the Secretary of the convention, and these papers are supposed to have been written by him, but not the slightest mark of authenticity appears about them,—they bear no signature, they were never presented to the convention, nor accepted as a genuine record, and they bear upon their face the evidence of having been tampered with just in this acute spot,—the majority given as thirty-four, *was something else*, the word "four" stands in the place of an obliterated figure, presumably not greater than itself. There was political trickery in connection with this vote, or this record. It has been charged to Jonathan Hazard. Thus far the existing evidence does not confirm this view. Jonathan Hazard and Samuel J. Potter were sent by South Kingstown to vote against adoption, and both men so voted. Now where does the bribery concerning them appear? The matter deserves explanation, and BOOK NOTES had a hope that Mrs. Robinson had discovered this missing paper.

Mrs. Robinson has enriched her volume with upwards of a dozen exceedingly fine portraits, some of which possess historical interest; that of Captain Stanton Hazard is entirely new, for although painted, as we are told, at Rome in 1776, it has never before been engraved or otherwise reproduced. Captain Stanton Hazard commanded a British privateer fitted out at Newport, while the British army were in possession, named the *King George*. The story told in Mrs. Robinson's book is, in many respects, open to the gravest suspicion,—if it is true, it ought at once to be sustained by the authorities; and Captain Hazard would stand in a very much more favorable light than that in which he has long stood. Mrs. Robinson says Stanton Hazard was a Captain in the British navy; that at the beginning of the war for

Independence, he offered his services to the colony of Rhode Island; but that, asking the same rank as that which he held in the British navy, and being refused, he remained in the service of the English. The evidence upon which rests these statements ought to be produced; without such evidence, credence cannot be given. A captain in the British navy, holding the right to command a frigate, would hardly condescend to command a little privateer sloop of thirty tons and ten four pounder guns. Then continues the narrative—"Some time afterwards, his vessel was captured by a Yankee privateer, and upon the arrival of the prisoners in Newport there was some embarrassment amongst the men in authority, all his old friends and some of them relatives, to know what to do with Captain Hazard, as they did not like to place him in confinement. He however solved the problem by asking to be sent to Narragansett on his parole to the home of his sister, the wife of Dr. Robert Hazard, promising not to leave the garden of the house until he was exchanged." This, so far as going to Newport is concerned, is incorrect; and probably the alleged feeling on the part of the "old friends" is incorrect, too. But let us consider the history of the *King George*, and her capture:

The *Providence Gazette* says, April 24, 1779, "The same day arrived the privateer brig *King George*, Stanton Hazard, commander, from a very successful cruise." May 29.—"Wednesday evening last, three men deserted from a "piratical" brig at Newport, commanded by Stanton Hazard, and brought off her boat." July 31.—"The piratical brig commanded by Stanton Hazard, arrived at Newport on Saturday last greatly damaged in her hull, sails and rigging, having had an engagement with an American cruiser." August 14.—"Extract from a letter of an officer on board the Continental sloop *Argo*, dated New London, in which is announced the capture of the *King George* and her arrival at that port." But an original and hitherto unpublished letter in my own possession, written by Captain

Silas Talbot to Major General Gates, possesses much interest upon this matter :

On board Continental Sloop Argo,)
New London Harbor, Aug. 7th, 1779.)

Sir—

Sailed from Providence River last Sunday, the 1st inst., on a cruise at sea, agreeable to your Honor's command. The Wednesday following I retook the schooner *Count Destaing*, prize to the *King George*. She mounted four carriage guns. On Friday I fell in with the *King George*, Stanton Hazard, Capt., and after she fired three broadsides, which I took no notice of, being determined to run her on board and decide the matter at once. She struck to us. This manoeuvre of mine, which they saw we were determined to board them, throw'd them into such a Pannic that they become an easy conquest, for I never fired but two guns before they asked for quarters. I have brought in 30 Prisoners and Retook 18 of our Prisoners made by Capt. Hazard. I shall put to sea again as soon as I can land the Prisoners, which will be in twelve hours. I trust and believe the taking of the *King George* (as well as retaking of *Count Destaing*) will be matter of great joy to the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut, as she has annoyed our Vessels and trade exceedingly for this eighteen months, and Capt. Hazard is a Person who we longed to catch for some time.

I am, Dear General,

Yr. mo. obt & mo hble St,

SILAS TALBOT.

To Major General Gates.

There was good reason why Capt. Talbot could not take his prizes into Newport, but was obliged to go to New London. The British army were in possession of Newport and Talbot could not go there; it was evacuated by the British after the 11th October, 1779, for on that day, the transports, 52 in number, in which the British were to embark, arrived there. The *King George* was sold at auction at New Haven, 24 Aug. 1779.

This of course destroys the story of the taking of Capt. Hazard into Newport, and

of his treatment there by his old neighbors and friends, which is related in Mrs. Robinson's sketch,—but *this* is history. So far as is now known, Stanton Hazard then disappeared from history; but had he really held a commission as Captain in the British navy, should we not have heard more of him when he came into New London a prisoner? There were several maritime descents upon the shores of Narragansett Bay about this time, in which men well acquainted with the interior must have been leaders. One of these descents was made upon Point Judith; an account of it appears in the *American Journal*, Providence, 13th May, 1779; the same paper has an account of a descent upon Quidneset, and of the capture of one of the fleet, a sloop of 30 tons. The same paper has under the date of April 15: "The enemy's plundering fleet returned to Newport on Thursday last from the eastward." It is probable that Capt. Hazard was concerned with the *King George* in these harrassing expeditions. Under such circumstances it is not probable that any such feeling existed for him as is narrated in this sketch. Another Rhode Islander from that part of the State, who led these marauding expeditions among his neighbors, was Samuel Knowles, the grandfather of Joseph Knowles, the former owner of the *Providence Journal*. This man fled to England, where he lived in poverty many years. He was finally permitted to return by act of the General Assembly, in Feb. 1791, (Acts and Resolves, p. 17.) Stanton Hazard was under no obligations to join actively the British forces in their attempt to subjugate the colonies; but he did so, accepting the command of a small vessel, and a commission to sink, burn and destroy the property of his "old friends" and "his relatives," and for this, if these stories are true, they loved him.

There are extended genealogies concerning other families than the Hazards in this book; among them are the Babcocks, Carpenters, Champlins, Gardiners, Peckhams, Perrys, Potters, Robinsons, Rodmans, Shermans

Watsons, and others. In the account of Dep. Gov. Samuel J. Potter, (page 107,) it is stated that he was elected annually from 1790 to 1799, which is correct; but it is not stated that he was elected to the United States Senate, Oct. 30, 1802, for six years, and that he died while holding that office 26 Sept. 1804.

There is but one other criticism which BOOK NOTES will make. It is written on page 122 concerning Rowland Gibson Hazard, thus: "But it is as a writer that Mr. Hazard is best known." That is true, and because it is true, a concise but complete account of his writings should form part of the sketch. This is also, in a certain degree, true of "Shepherd" Tom; his writings should have been described; and when I note his children, Gertrude Minturn, and Anna Peace, and I remember the beautiful verses which they wrote, I cannot but wish that the fact had been printed in this book; and so, too, with the fine photographic portrait of "Shepherd" Tom, which Mr. Notman, of Boston, made, and one of which "Shepherd" Tom himself gave to the writer.

This Hazard family of Rhode Island is coeval with the history of the colony; among its members are judges, legislators, executive officers, soldiers, and men of all the educated professions. It is a creditable family, and Mrs. Robinson has prepared a History of it adequate to its excellence. Her book is incomparably superior to any Family History yet published here; that it has errors there is no question—all books have them; omissions, too, but this cannot be helped,—one cannot be blamed for not telling what one does not know; in spite of all, her book is excellent. The price is \$8. It can be obtained by addressing the author at Wakefield, R. I.

Henry C. Clark's persistent persecution of Engineer Shedd is exactly in the line of Mr. Clark's persecution of Mayor Doyle, and for the same reason. Both men, in public service, were bound to be honest public servants; and while acting in that capacity,

treated Clark with that impartiality which they gave to all men,—in fact, they gave to Clark more than any other man similarly situated had ever received; but the Earth would not satisfy him; hence this tirade. He has assailed them at the polls, in the courts, in the General Assembly, and in the newspapers. Why? Simply because these honest public servants objected to the doing of unnecessary work for Clark at the public cost, or encroaching with his docks upon the harbor lines. That is all there is in these Sunday Letters. How far a newspaper is justified in lending itself to one citizen to persecute another is a question which ought to be legally settled.

The Surrogate of New York city has rendered a decision that the \$5,000,000 which Jay Gould left by will to his son George, was not liable for the inheritance tax—*because it was in the nature of a payment for services rendered*. The Surrogate was evidently endeavoring to make votes for "Kid" Bryan.

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There appeared in the *Narragansett Historical Register* for January, 1886, a brief note presumably written by L. S. Spencer of Washington, D. C., entitled "Origin of the name *East Greenwich*." It has special reference to the town bearing that name in Rhode Island. If one means the "origin" of the application of this name to this town, the answer is sufficiently simple. It was suggested by the phrase in the charter of Charles the Second, which referred to the land tenure thus, "To be holden of Vs Our Heirs and Successors as of the Manor of *East Greenwich*, in Our County of *Kent*, in free and common Soccage," &c. This charter came in 1663; in 1667 *East Greenwich* was incorporated—the fourth town created under the charter. The origin of the idea of using the name for the new town is quite apparent. In the charter, the name refers specifically to a town in England—*East Greenwich*. There was at that time, and had been for centuries before, on the *west* from this *East Greenwich*, a small town, by name, *Depforde*; and we are told by Mr. Lambard, in his *Perambulations*, London, 1576, how these names arose, thus: "In ancient evidences, *East Greenwiche*, for difference sake from *Depforde*, which in old instruments is called *West Greenwich*." Observe, it was in 1576 that Lambard was speaking of *old* documents. It was *Greenwich* first, which was a Borough, then a town, then subdivisions of the town into *East* and

West sections. There is no copy of Lambard's *Perambulations in Kent* accessible in Rhode Island, hence the writer has used the citation of Mr. Spencer in the Register above noted. There once was a copy here, owned by William Harris, (R. I. Hist. Tract, Sec. Ser., No. 4, p. 106,) but it is not now known to exist. The meaning of the word *Greenwich* is clearly to be learned from Webster's Dictionary, thus,—Green, a color, and *wich*, or *wick*, or *wic*, (the latter form is Anglo Saxon, and came from the Latin word *vicus*,) which meant a part, or division of a town, as thus are in England, a parish. Wright, in his *Provincial Dictionary*, gives these forms, and another meaning—*Wich*, a Salt-works, in the west of England. Bailey gives the same meaning, but the spelling, *wyche*, a salt spring. Mr. Wright gives the word as used in Essex, applied to "a small dairy house"; he also gives the spelling, *wick*, as used in Yorkshire, applied to "a small bay, or port." Mr. Wright says that in the north of England the word was applied to "a corner." From this it becomes clear concerning both the origin and the meaning of the name *East Greenwich*; and is further illustrated in the words *Warwick*, *Bailiwick*, *Ipswich*, &c.

In the First of Coke's Institutes, *Wic* is defined as a place on the seashore, or on the bank of a river. Jacob's Law Dictionary, 1736, says it properly belongs to a town, a village, or a dwelling-place; that in the Saxon language it was often made the ter-

mination of the name of a town, which had a complete name without it, thus it was Lunden-Wick, which was London Town. Mr. Jacobs gives also as an illustration, *Ipswich*, which in ancient documents was written *Villa de Gippo-wico*; this in time became *Gipps-wic*, which means Gipps-town, now we know it as Ipswich, a city standing on the Gipping river, in Suffolk County, England. Mr. Jacobs says Wica meant a country home, or farm, and that in his time, 1736, many such homes are called the Wick, or the Wike. In the light of these things the origin of the name *Wickford* is at once apparent; concerning the suggestion and application of this name, BOOK NOTES has not long since spoken.

When Sir Edmund Andros seized possession of the government in Rhode Island in 1686, he unceremoniously changed the name of several towns to suit himself; thus, East Greenwich he changed to Deptford, but those uneducated scribes who wrote the act in our Records, corrupted the spelling to Dedford, and to this day a street in East Greenwich bears this corruption. There are yet other streets in this village the names of which suggest the "Old Colony," thus—King, Queen, London, Duke, Melrose, Marlborough, Montrose, Court, Church, Rector, Bedford, &c., &c. Kingstowne, Sir Edmund re-named *Rochester*; and Westernly Sir Edmund called *Faversham*, but our ignorant recorders spelled it *Feversham*. This innovation lasted exactly three years; in 1689, as soon as Sir Edmund was seized and sent to England by the Massachusetts colony, Rhode Island restored the original names to these towns.

The county of Kent came also from the clause in the charter above noted. The colony was divided into three counties in June, 1729, to wit: Newport county, Providence county, and Kings county. In 1750 Providence county was divided, and Kent county was established. The influence which Kent county in England, by reason of the Land Tenures of which I have spoken, had

upon Rhode Island nomenclature is apparent. East Greenwich, West Greenwich, Rochester, Deptford, Faversham, &c., &c. The territory south of Kent county was in 1665 the King's Province; in 1674 it was Kings Towne; in 1729 It was Kings county; in 1781 a Republican form of government required the change from Kings to Washington county, and so it has since remained.

Suppose that certain men had a corner in eggs,—an Egg Trust,—and suppose that Mr. Budlong, of whom I buy eggs, went to these certain men to buy eggs to sell to me, for home use; would Mr. Budlong buy a box of eggs marked [D 20 Jan. '94]? Well, hardly; but supposing there was no mark upon the box; Mr. Budlong would not know the age of the eggs, and would buy innocently enough, and you and I would get, as we continually do get, stale eggs, scarcely fit to eat. They have been held by certain men for a "squeeze" on us. In case this "protecting" date could be kept off the box, certain men could with greater facility cheat us, could they not? Of course, they wouldn't; but an injunction would be asked against anybody who ruined the Egg-box by putting a date upon it.

As a matter of fact, such an injunction has been asked, and granted by our Rhode Island courts, on this precise ground. It was against the Railroad Company which transported the boxes. A date, stamped with a small hand-stamp, was placed upon each box, for the convenience of the company in identifying the ownership of the goods; but with these dates on the cases, the eggs could no longer be sold as fresh, and the court has enjoined the stamping of the boxes.

In selling apples, a notable swindle has long been practiced here. A few choice apples are placed in the bottom of the barrel, and a few choice apples on the top, but the contents of the middle of the barrel consists of small, knotty, knurly, absolutely worthless fruit. The writer bought such a

barrel from one of the very men engaged in this *Ruined Egg-box* Injunction Suit. In New York, so great has this swindle become that Mayor Strong has taken it in hand.

It is actually a serious question under our present legal system, and under the law of evidence as it is now practiced, simply to prevent the getting at the truth, whether the plain people have any rights which the courts can cause to be respected.

The daily papers inform us that Mr. Joseph Banigan has crept out from the Rubber Trust; and still later, that Mr. C. Fletcher has crept out of the English Syndicate which controls the manufacturing cloth industries at Olneyville. Do these men see danger to their schemes in the Chicago platform? What will happen to a Rubber Trust when the party behind Mr. "Jack Cade" Bryan gets control of the powers of legislation? Will English syndicates continue to buy American "Protective" tariffs for the real purpose of legally robbing us, who are obliged to wear the goods they manufacture? BOOK NOTES thinks not. No,—there is something in this new political movement far deeper, more profound, than Silver, or Gold. It is the right of property; my right to my property, and not your right to my property; equality before the law is bound to come.

Dr. Weir Mitchell has been engaged for several years on a novel which will give peculiar satisfaction to those who rejoice in the able and worthy treatment of American life and character in American fiction. The story is called "Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker," and will begin as a serial in the November *Century*. Those who have read the manuscript say that it is not only Dr. Mitchell's masterpiece, but will rank as one of the greatest of American novels. The scene is laid in Philadelphia before and during the Revolutionary War, and among the characters are Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, Benedict Arnold, and Major Andre. The hero of the story serves on General Washington's staff.

The editor of the Review of Reviews continues in the August number his analysis of the political situation, with especial reference to the candidacy of Mr. Bryan, the Chicago platform, and the position of the Democratic party on the currency question. The Review's editorial comment on current events is still the best monthly summary of the kind that appears in this country.

The writer sought and, by the kindness of the officers of the Central Police Station, obtained an interview with the boy Davis, who attempted the cutting of the throat of another child with a razor. The boy Davis is thirteen years of age. It is the writer's belief that this is a case for acute psychological study. There must be men or women here sufficiently acute in the study of the human mind, to discover the moral principle which is lacking in the mental make-up of this boy. He is a superb psychological subject, and ought to be understood, and perhaps saved.

The bicycle contest to decide which is the most popular bicycle, now being conducted by the Boston Herald, is productive of the greatest interest to bicycle riders. Every rider honestly believes that his particular mount is the best, and as a result he will work and fight in its interest much firmer than if he were paid for his endeavors. But in this contest it is purely a matter of love, and the result is, that all of the well known machines are now engaged in a sharp contest for first place. Over 62,000 votes were cast in the contest during the first two weeks of its progress.

The New York Herald gave us a caricature of the "Jack Cade" Bryan Madison Square Meeting, in the form of a Wild West Show—a Steer with a "Kid" Bryan attachment at the stern of the animal. This strikes me as not being a particularly happy hit. Whatever else may be said of these Wild West Shows, they appear to have been financial successes.

Mr. Rider has written a *Historical Tract*, in which is set forth the *Forgeries* connected with the original Deed from the Sachems to Roger Williams of the land on which the city of Providence now stands, and the historical basis upon which the charge of forgery rests. This Tract is now ready; it has 139 pages, with two folding fac-similes. Price, \$2.00. Edition limited to 250 copies.

The map of 1677 of the country purchased by Roger Williams from the Sachems, issued by Mr. Rider for this *Tract*, has been heretofore unknown. It is the earliest map existing. It locates the dwellings of many of the earliest settlers, affixing their initials to these localities. This map is of very great interest; it alone is worth the price asked for the *Tract*. There are a great many things to be learned from it; one is, that Kettle Point was on the opposite side of the Bay from what it now is. Field's Point is a modern innovation. Whatever reason for the name existed on this side, cannot of course exist for the place where it now is. How did the name get across the river?

Two wrongs surely do not make the second wrong right, but in all soberness, BOOK NOTES would like to know the ethical difference between the Eastern manufacturers picking the pockets of the Western farmers by means of a "protective" tariff, and the payment of these pickings by the Western farmer to the Eastern manufacturer in silver at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. If it is sauce for the goose, it is also sauce for the gander; but there won't be any such thing as a 50 cent dollar.

McClure's Magazine for September will contain the first report ever published of Abraham Lincoln's "Lost Speech," delivered at Bloomington, before the first Republican Convention held in Illinois. "I never witnessed such a scene before or since," says Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, who was a member of the convention and writes an introduction to the report of the speech describing the occasion.

It is of the utmost consequence to a beneficiary (or a supposed beneficiary) under a Trust, to know the duties and powers of a Trustee—that is in case he hopes to get anything. We have just had such a case here—that of Mr. Henry C. Cranston. Such a reckless disregard of legal rights and business ethics is positively shocking. Buy Mr. Birrell's little Treatise on the *Duties and Liabilities of Trustees*, and it may save you a fortune. It is for sale at 61 Snow street.

There is no magazine to-day published in the United States, and which has had so long a life as the *Atlantic* has had, which so well sustains the high character of its early days. In the September *Atlantic* two articles will appear that suggest and (in a sense) contain the most eventful chapter in modern history. One is "The Story of Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Charles Dudley Warner, who tells the unprecedented history of this book: and the other is "The Awakening of the Negro," by Boker T. Washington. The most daring prophet could not have foreseen Tuskegee Institute in Alabama forty years ago; in fact nothing conceivable would have seemed so improbable.

The *Philistine* for August is a bright number and supplies more than the usual number of good laughs. The best article perhaps is "An Hour with Mæcenas," showing the futility of mixing tuppence worth of literature with an intolerable deal of finance. "Sunrise Over the City," by William J. Baker is a good machine-made sonnet; "Let there be Gall enough in thy Ink," by Adeline Knapp, is not a plea for more gall, but a protest against any. The writer who leaves the "gall" out of his ink will get off his "nut." Nutgalls make the best inks.

It is no more safe to deposit your money in a Savings Bank than it is to keep it in your own house, for if the Deposit-book falls into other hands your money goes; the court awards it, and the law doth give it.

For the Eastern newspapers to go into a frenzy because the Chicago platform criticised the Supreme Court's decision on the Income Tax law, is worse than nonsense. Let them make extracts from their own columns on the first action of the court in this case, and then consider who first hoisted the red flag.

Mr. George Watkins, of Indianapolis, has issued a prospectus of a new magazine—*The Magazine of Americane*—a quarterly Biographical Journal, containing a Register of New, and Notes on and Extracts from Old, Books and Pamphlets relating to America, the West Indies and the South Sea. It is to be 8vo in form; each number 48 pages; the price \$1.50; and the advertisements exclusively "Americane."

George W. Smalley, the famous American newspaper letter writer, has been granted a two months' holiday by the London Times, and has gone abroad on a special mission for *The Ladies' Home Journal*. He has engaged to prepare a short series of articles for that magazine, and is gathering the material for them in Europe.

The New York Times has spoken of the Democratic nominee as "Jack Cade" Bryan. This epithet, in connection with the "arguments" which Prof. Alonzo Williams will lay before the "Anarchist" Altgeldt (Old Gold), will doubtless knock out the "Kid" and restore the silver craze to reason.

BOOK NOTES never so much regrets its diminutiveness as it does when it finds itself without space in which to reprint from the *Springfield Republican*, occasionally, one of those thoroughly honest editorial political statements with which this admirable paper is filled.

President Andrews was right when he said there was never a day since the Slavery days when the Northern newspapers were so given to lying. It is to-day a positive fact, that there is scarcely a single paper printed in Rhode Island, the writers, and compositors, and conductors of which actually believe the things which they write and publish. How a man must feel who prostitutes himself to write that which he knows to be a lie, and then takes in his hand the payment for such dishonor, is happily an unknown sensation to me. I may be damnably poor, but my soul is not for sale.

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An Imitation of Insurance.—The New Rhode Island Statute.

To business men there is scarcely any law in the new *General Laws* of Rhode Island so important as the laws relating to Insurance; and it is beyond question that no law is so little understood by them. This subject is treated in Chapter 183; as it stands there it is an entirely new chapter in nearly all its characteristics; it is in no former Digest of the Laws. The title is, "Of Insurance." A marginal note refers us to *Public Laws*, chapter 673, of March 18, 1888; but upon reference to that chapter it will be found that the first three sections of this new law are all there is in the Statute book; and these three sections relate to Life Insurance Companies; the title was, "An Act to Prevent Discriminations by Life Insurance Companies." Three new sections were attached to this old statute, covering six and a half pages, changing radically and most inequitably the whole structure of the law; a statute which was enacted to *prevent discriminations* has been changed into a statute permitting *unlimited discriminations*. BOOK NOTES will enter upon a rude analysis of this extraordinary statute. The law directs that "no insurance company shall issue fire insurance policies on property in this State other than those of the standard form herein set forth, except as follows, to wit." Then follows six classes of exceptions to this provision. In

the margin we are referred to Ch. 1379, Sec. 1, of 1895. We are not here informed that this reference is to the Public Laws of R. I., but such is the fact.

Upon reference, we find this law as it now appears, enacted on the 22d May, 1895, at the very end of the session, and without the slightest knowledge on the part of the business community, which it so seriously injures.

The first clause of these exceptions is a specific provision of this extraordinary form: "A company *may* print on or in its policies its name." The word *its* is anomalous. But suppose that a company did not print the name of the company upon a policy, what would the thing be? It surely could not be an insurance policy. It simply *would be nothing*; there could not be a policy without a name. Then why this absurd provision?

The third clause of these exceptions is still more extraordinary. It declares that "a company incorporated or formed in this State *may* print in its policies any provisions which it is required by law to insert therein," which is simply farcical. The General Assembly gives *permission* to do a thing which the General Assembly by a statute orders to be done. Unfortunately, the law here confines its application to *this State*; it is inoperative in Connecticut, or other States; a Texas company probably would be under no obligation to insert a clause which the Rhode Island General Assembly ordered, having no agency here. This third clause still further

provides, "that any company not incorporated or formed in this State, may with the approval of the insurance commissioner, so print any provisions required by its charter, or deed of settlement, or by the laws of its own State; *Provided*, that the insurance commissioner shall require any provision which in his opinion *modifies the contract of insurance* in such a way as to affect the question of loss, to be appended to the policy by a slip or rider as hereinafter provided."

The fifth clause gives permission to all companies to print upon policies the words *Standard Fire Insurance Policy of the State of Rhode Island*.

The sixth clause is so interesting that BOOK NOTES gives it *verbatim*: "A company may write upon the margin or across the face of the policy, or write, or print in type not smaller than long primer, or ten point Roman, upon separate slips or riders to be attached thereto, provisions adding to or modifying those contained in the standard form; and all such slips, riders and provisions must be signed by the officers or agent of the company so using them."

Now comes Section 5 of the Statute, and declares that the "Said Standard Form of Policy shall be plainly printed, and no portion thereof shall be in type smaller than brevier, or eight point Roman, and shall be as follows:" Then follows five pages of a "legal" form.

In all soberness, what becomes of a Standard Form? There is no such thing. Any company in Rhode Island can modify any policy just as it pleases; and any agent of any company outside of Rhode Island can do the same thing. Any one of these men can change this statute without the assistance of the General Assembly, every week; and this in spite of the Insurance Commissioner. The *sixth* clause above absolutely nullifies the preceding *third* clause, in which this slight control is apparently, but not in reality given. The Insurance Commissioner has no power or control whatever. Any company or agent can print the words

Standard Form of Fire Insurance Policy of the State of Rhode Island on anything which he chooses to issue. In case you have any doubts on this point, read this section, (page 584): "A company having special regulations lawfully applicable to its policies or contracts of insurance and regulations shall apply to and form a part of this ("Standard Form") policy, as the same be written or printed upon or attached or appended thereto."

Nearly at the end of this "Standard Form" (page 584) are these words: "*This policy is made and accepted* subject to the foregoing stipulations and conditions, set in capital letters. Now let us look into the working of this device: You have a stock of goods costing \$5,000. The building is substantial, brick, heated by steam; you have no heating apparatus; the risk is very small; you apply for a policy of \$1,000. It is taken, the rate charged being one and one quarter per cent.—\$12.50. You get the Standard Form; on it you find attached this "rider":

CO-INSURANCE CLAUSE.

"It is a part of the consideration of this policy, and the basis upon which the rate of premium is fixed, that the assured shall maintain insurance on the property described by this policy, to the extent of at least eighty (80) per cent. of the actual cash value thereof; and that failing so to do, the assured shall be an insurer to the extent of such deficit, and to that extent shall bear his, her, or their proportion of any loss that may happen to said property. Provided, however, that in the adjustment of any loss or damage by fire on stock or merchandise, no inventory for the purpose of ascertaining the application of the foregoing clause shall be required, unless the amount of damage is at least five (5) per cent. of the amount of insurance on such stock or merchandise. It is expressly understood and agreed that in case there shall be more than one item or division in the form of this policy, this clause shall apply to each and every item or division separately."

"Attached to and made a part of policy No. of the Ins. Co."

This is neatly printed in eight point Roman, which any business man would at once detect. Nothing is said about any change in the contract which is supposed to exist in the *Standard Form*. It bears no signature, neither of agent nor of the company, as the law directs, nor is there the slightest indication of the opinion of the Insurance Commissioner that it, in his opinion, changes the contract, or that it has been attached with his consent, or in spite of it. It bears quotation marks, but nothing indicates whence it was taken. You suppose it must be a "clause" from the Rhode Island laws; but no such clause can be found in any Rhode Island law; nevertheless, you know the agent; it must be all right; business calls you, the policy is laid away and forgotten; presently you have a fire loss, reaching \$1,000, the amount nominally covered by your policy. About how much do you think the company will pay you? It will point you to this clause—"the assured shall maintain an insurance of 80 per cent. of the actual cash value," and "failing to do this, the assured shall be an insurer to the extent of such deficit." The company will then demand an *inventory of all the property burned* (page 583), with the cost of the same; and will then inform you that your stock being \$5,000, you were your own insurer for \$3,000, this company for \$1,000, the necessary 80 per cent. being \$4,000. The loss being \$1,000, you must pay (yourself) \$750, and this company may pay \$250,—and even this you can never get in case the company takes advantage of the various quibbles which the "Standard" form provides. Instead of being insured for \$1,000 at $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., you were insured for \$250 at 5 per cent. But suppose that you had a total loss of \$5,000, how would the case stand? The company could still hold you to the 80 per cent. clause, and pay you only \$250, you pocketing the balance of your loss, \$4,750.

The whole device is one simply to greatly increase your rate and greatly reduce the

amount of the company's risk, covering the swindle—for it is nothing less—with apparently the most careful and minute legal enactments for the protection of your interests, even to the degree of eight point Roman. Let us see how you would stand in case you had a stock of the value of \$25,000, and that you carried an insurance of \$10,000, and met a loss by fire of \$5,000. The utmost which you could hope to recover by the insurance would be \$2,500, one half of the amount for which you had paid. This would exactly double the rate which you had supposed that you paid. You were made a co-insurer by the clause pasted upon your policy; that you insured yourself to the amount of the \$15,000 of stock which you had above the amount of your policies, but you were also held on three-quarters of the amount, or perhaps one half, as herein shown of the amount pretended to be covered; the whole scheme is a device to deceive; it wears on its face the guise of a security which it does not give; wherever in this inequitable law a pretended obligation is placed upon an insurance company, or upon an agent, the word "*may*" is used; wherever an obligation is laid upon the victim of this insurance, the word "*shall*" is used; was this by accident or by design? Whoever devised or brought about the enactment of such a law deserves the execration of all men; it is a prostitution of the legislative power, given by the people to the General Assembly; in the place of an outright plain statute, it is an intriguing devious law, pretending a security which it does not give. Who made it?

On the 24th May, 1890, a commission, comprising W. G. Roelker, Joseph C. Ely and H. W. Hayes, was created by the General Assembly, "to revise all the statutes of the State," and report to the General Assembly such changes in the laws as they should deem advisable." The statute of 1888 prohibiting discriminations then existed; it related to Life Insurance, and it was so reported by this commission in the first part of their report made to the January session of the General Assembly in 1895. It was in

May of that year that the obnoxious law herein analyzed was enacted,—four months subsequently to the presentation of the commissioners' report; it was not a law in amendment of any other existing statute; it was a new law upon an original subject; how came it to be attached to the statute, (chapter 183,) which the commission reported? was there a piece of legislative trickery here on the part of somebody? who put these two contradictory laws into one law, still contradictory in principle? The constitution declares that the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate. This law has destroyed it; the "Standard Form" has taken it away; in the measure of damages as between parties a jury is no longer available; it is given to two commissioners, and an "umpire" to assess the damage. The General Assembly owes it to the people of Rhode Island to wipe this wicked law at once from the statute book.

The University of Vermont is one of the best of the New England colleges. It has a remarkable history, it numbers many famous men among its alumni, and its work to-day is more important than ever before. The University is the subject of an article by Robert E. Lewis, one of its graduates, in the September New England Magazine, an article which is satisfying in its historical and its descriptive pages. It is illustrated by views of the buildings and of the leading men identified with the institution in the past and in the present; among the latter is our own President James B. Angell, now of Ann Arbor. It will be read with profit and pleasure by everybody. Warren F. Kellogg, 5 Park Square, Boston, Mass.

There is one article in the September McClure which is worth a year's subscription of the magazine. It is that by Mrs. Morton, the devoted wife of Dr. Morton, the discoverer of Sulphuric Ether as an anesthetic agent in surgery,—an event at the time, the greatest ever discovered in the practice of surgery,—rejected by all the "learned" doc-

tors of the time, and which brought to the discoverer only ridicule, and nearly ruin, with no pecuniary reward whatever. Such treatment is a blot upon the medical profession, and a disgrace to the American people, the boasted lovers of fair play. Read McClure and then blush for your people.

General Horace Porter's personal recollections of General Grant, which *The Century* will publish beginning in November, are to be called "Campaigning with Grant." General Porter first met General Grant at Chattanooga; he soon became attached to his staff, and was with him constantly from that time until the close of General Grant's first term as President, during which he was Grant's private secretary.

Two boys went into a store to buy candy. One said he had a dollar, and had only 53 cents. The other produced his 100 cents; which do you think got the most candy? The case would be exactly similar had one of them had the dollar of a country which guarantees the payment of every dollar's worth of its coin or paper with a gold dollar. —*Pascoag Herald*, 21st Aug. '96.

Let us see how this case stood: *The Herald* gets the 53 cents from the bullion value of the silver dollars; but how about the cents. One hundred cents weigh 10 oz. 6¼ dr. I took them to a dealer in old metals; he offered me five cents a pound for them, which netted me exactly .032. I then went to another dealer in metals to buy clear copper for jeweller's use, and was asked ten cents a pound for it. Thus, in case I sold the amount of copper in 100 cents, I received .032; if I bought as much fine copper as would make 100 cents, it would cost me exactly .065. Reckoning thus, about how much candy would the second boy get?

BOOK NOTES has been favored with the 33d Annual Report of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, a body of which the Rev. O. P. Emerson, so well known here in Rhode Island, is the Corresponding Secretary.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 5, 1896.

A fine relic of Jefferson Davis, and a useful book for those who love the country, is for sale at 61 Snow street. It is a copy of Wilson's *American Ornithology*, with notes by Jardine and additions from Bonaparte, Audubon, Nuttall and others, arranged by Brewer. It was published in Boston in 1840. It bears Mr. Davis's autograph, dated Brierfield, March 19th, 1845.

In case you desire to know something authentic concerning the terrible legal and judicial outrages perpetrated by the gigantic trusts and monopolies against the plain people, just read Mr. Lloyd's book, entitled, *Wealth against Commonwealth*. It is not mere assertion, but it is documentary evidence. Harper & Brother have published a cheap edition suited to the present crisis. Mr. Rider can supply it.

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The Boston *Herald* of the 10th August has an article in which it holds concerning the "True relation of Mortgages to Prosperity," that "they represent activity and progress," and "not poverty." Exactly—the bigger the mortgage on a man's land the richer and more prosperous he becomes. So too, I suppose, it must be with his chattel mortgages on his personal estate. Well, well,—what fools we mortals be. We had never suspected it, until the *Herald* told us so.

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Can a Company be held liable for placing a mark on packages, not otherwise marked, by which the company is saved from the delivery of packages to the wrong parties?

The W. W. Whipple Co. is a corporation doing business in butter, cheese, eggs, lard, &c., in Providence. It brought a suit against the "Consolidated" Railroad, asking an injunction against the railroad company from the perpetration of an injury by "stamping upon packages certain letters, markings, and figures, thereby greatly injuring and disfiguring said packages," * * "putting your orator to great trouble and expense in removing said letters, marks and figures." The Whipple Co. allege that a suit at law is no remedy, for the reason that the wrong done by the railroad company "is a *continuing wrong and an injury*." Here are the marks, letters, and figures referred to:

This is a fac simile of the stamp used. It is to be explained as follows: The P stands for Providence, the 8 stands for the 8th month, August; the 20 for the 20th day, and the 96 is for the year; the 63458 is the number of the car in which the packages came. Thus by means of the bill of lading the owner or consignee of the packages could be identified. In support of the complaint the testimony of Charles A. Barden was introduced. Mr. Barden stated that his firm had received consignments of butter marked with these cabalistic figures; that his firm had sold butter to retailers who had requested them to "take off those red marks, or have the tubs returned." He stated that Dodge & Camfield was the retailing firm which refused to receive butter tubs so marked. Mr. Barden stated that the "goods" delivered to this latter firm "probably might have been three or four packages, in five pound boxes." Mr. Barden further testified that those marks were put upon all whole packages; that five

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pound packages usually come in crates, half a dozen in a crate; in that case the mark would be on the crate, not on each box. When the court asked, "And if they are marked on crates you don't object to it?" and Mr. Barden answered, "not on the crate." Then Mr. Wilson asked, "Is it, or not, a damage to the property to have those marks on them?" and Mr. Barden replied, "It certainly hurts the sale of it (sic) to our customers." Then Mr. Wilson asked, "Do you know anything about what those figures indicate there?" Here the court stopped the witness, saying, "It is immaterial what they indicate, I think." Then Mr. Wilson asked, "Is it because there is a date on it, or anything of that sort, that is objectionable?" and Mr. Barden replied, "I would state to the court that it wouldn't make any difference to me if it was a date." Under a cross examination, Mr. Barden appears as follows: By Mr. Arnold—"What damage is that mark in red on that keg?" Mr. Barden—"The damage to us is that it doesn't leave it as good a package; the retailers that we sell to object to it; and we have heard it talked about that if it is kept up and we don't take the mark off, they would oblige us to take the mark off, or stop buying butter of us." Mr. Arnold—"Does it affect the quality of the butter in any way? Are all tubs of butter equally smooth?" Mr. Barden—"This wood is rougher than this or on the other half." So far as the complaint and the evidence goes there stands the case.

The court said: "These damages arise from the fact that the purchasers desire and insist on having clean, nice looking tubs and packages; that they object to the disfigurement aforesaid, and that the complainants have been obliged to go to the trouble and expense of removing the marks from the tubs and packages shipped to them over the respondent's road, in order that the sale of the merchandise might not be prejudiced thereby; the evidence also shows that the complainants have been obliged to employ additional help in order to remove

the marks placed upon these *goods* aforesaid." And a preliminary injunction was granted, restraining the railroad company from placing those marks on such packages. And this resulted in stopping packages containing butter, eggs, crackers, lard and cheese from bearing this protecting stamp.

The fundamental principle of all law is protection and safety for the community. In the present case the protection of the community was incidental. No complaint was made, nor evidence produced that any damage fell upon the *goods* of the complainant by the use of the stamp; but only upon the *packages* in which the goods were shipped; these packages, we remark, are used chiefly for kindling wood after the goods are out. Mr. Barden shows no damage to his butter by having those figures upon the tubs; in fact, he swears to the contrary; and still further, swears that he has no objection in case the figures "was a date." Then to what does he object? for he has also sworn that he never knew of a case where the butter had sold for less money because of "those red marks" on the packages. Whatever Mr. Barden's intention may have been, the effect of his evidence was to produce convictions in direct opposition to the complaint. A box of eggs comes to Whipple; it is marked with the figures and letters above; Whipple makes no pretence that the eggs are damaged by these figures placed upon the packing cases; and Barden has sworn that a date wouldn't make any difference; he has also sworn that a mark on a crate would not be an objection. Now in what consists Whipple's grievance? There is nothing in the evidence which shows that "additional help was required in order to remove the marks placed upon these goods"; in fact, the evidence shows no mark whatever upon the goods; the evidence does not in the slightest manner show damage to eggs, nor butter, nor lard, nor cheese, nor crackers, nor to anything. Then why an injunction? These marks, under the evidence, showing no damage, did in fact, incidentally act as a

protection to the community in saving the community from being cheated by old, stale eggs, sold as fresh, and rancid butter, sold as sweet. The bill alleges that the "injury was continuing," and that hence a suit at law was no remedy. It is true the injury was "continuing," for the longer the eggs had been kept, the greater the injury, not to him who sold them, but to us who buy and use them. BOOK NOTES believes this preliminary injunction ought to be dissolved on the ground that the evidence did not warrant it, and that the fundamental principle of all law is the safety and protection of the community, and even railroad corporations.

Let us carry this Decision to its logical conclusion. Any mark placed upon a freight package by a transportation company, whether the mark was for the identification of the owner of the property or for the company's convenience in handling, is without warrant in law. Suppose, then, a smooch or other soiling should in moving touch the package; the court has decided that damage follows, and of course a suit at law; hence the only safety the transportation company would have would lie in wrapping each package in paper or gunny bags, to be removed when packages reach their destination. Our grand juries here have refused to indict a man for using swindling measures in selling vegetables to the poor, in spite of the fact that the man *pleaded guilty* to the charge; and now the court has withdrawn the slight incidental protection which this mark gave in the matter of butter and eggs. One is really tempted to inquire what is the purpose of laws, and juries and courts?

Marion Crawford has written a new story specially for *The Century*. It is called "A Rose of Yesterday," and will begin in the November number and run for six months. The story opens in Lucerne, and while it is entirely separate in interest, some of the personages that appear in it will be familiar to readers of "Don Orsino." It is wholly romantic in character.

The *Journal* of Sept. 2, has this five square displayed heading: "BRYAN IN OHIO—Greeted by cheering thousands on his arrival at Columbus, (capital of McKinley's own State,)—Streets crowded with enthusiastic admirers—Buildings Decorated—Special Illuminations and Fireworks Displayed—Great Demonstration in Front of the State House—A crowd of 50,000 People—The Largest audience the nominee ever addressed Gathered to Listen to his Speech."

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On which of its pages was the *Journal* l—g.

This, from the *Providence News*, 8th September:

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As an illustration of the question of truthfulness on the part of Rhode Island newspapers, here is an extract from a "leader" in the *News* of 13th July, concerning the Chicago Platform: "The platform inveighs against the products of thrift and enterprise; it demands that the nation and the American citizen repudiate their just debts, and pro-

poses to destroy the bulwarks that guard the savings of millions." Again,—the *Journal*, the *Telegram*, the *Pawtucket Tribune*, and possibly the *News*, printed a paragraph pretended to have been taken from a speech by Ex-Gov. John Davis, predicting a panic in the case of Bryan's election. It was a downright falsification. Gov. Davis never spoke such a word; on the contrary, he spoke directly the opposite. These are what BOOK NOTES means by political lying.

The Electoral vote cast by the Presidential Electors of Rhode Island, for President and Vice President of the United States, on the 7th December, 1808, signed by Thomas P. Ives, Christopher Fowler, James Rhodes, and Thomas Noyes, is for sale by Mr. Rider. It is one of the three original documents; with it is the official certificate of their election by Gov. James Fenner, under the State seal. The four votes were cast for Charles Cotesworth Pinckney for President, and Rufus King for Vice President. Price for both Documents, \$5.00. Perhaps General Brayton might buy it for Major McKinley. It is certainly the cheapest way that the Major can get an Electoral vote of Rhode Island.

In July, 1823, the Rev. John Bisbe delivered the discourse at the installation of the Rev. David Pickering, pastor of the First Universalist church here. The manuscript was taken to Mr. Hugh H. Brown, so many years the Directory publisher of Providence. Mr. Brown was then a book printer. He refused to print the discourse, giving as reasons that he "cannot be instrumental in bringing obloquy and reproach on the word of God," and that "the religion he professes requires self denial and sacrifices." Mr. Brown was a member of the First Baptist church in Providence, which church it is claimed was planted by Roger Williams on the principle of absolute Religious Liberty. Mr. Brown's act is a first rate illustration of the progress of the principle. He died, aged 71 years, in October, 1863.

The September *Philistine* bears on its front page the startling title, "European Number." It seems that the editor has been making a tour through England, Scotland and France, with a pad and pencil and wide open eyes for bookish things. Some of these items are now duly printed in the "Side Talks," which make about one half of the magazine. Dean Farrar has a telling article on Westminster Abbey, wherein he handles the subject in rather an unchurchly way, working in a deal of good natured wit at the expense of nobility. This with a thoughtful little poem by Eugene R. White, make a number that is particularly clever.

Henry D. Lloyd, the brilliant author of "Wealth against Commonwealth" and other well-known attacks on monopoly, writes for the *Review of Reviews* a sympathetic account of the doings of the St. Louis convention, of which he was a member. As may readily be imagined, Mr. Lloyd's account differs in various points from the story of the convention published at the time by the daily press.

With corn now selling at 19½ cents at Chicago, the ordinary farmer must be profoundly impressed with the use to him of a tariff for the "Protection of American Home Labor."

At the same moment he sees an American sewing machine sold to the English people in London for \$20 and \$25, for which his wife is forced to pay \$45 to \$65.

This unreasonable lunatic should be at once shut up, or he will vote against the "Major," who stands for more tariff, more monopolies, and of course "sound" money—whatever that word "sound" may mean.

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THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 19, 1896.

A few days ago the *Journal* contained an elaborate obituary notice of the notorious Harry Hill, an English emigrant who for some years kept one of the most villainous "dives" in New York city. To-day it has a couple of columns of commendatory "gush" concerning John Chamberlain, who has for years kept gambling establishments all over the country. The *Journal* heads its article, "The wonderful influence he exerted on National Life." This influence consisted of the "political pull" he obtained among congressmen and those in power in the government through these gambling places, and his bar-rooms and restaurants. To such base use has "journalism" descended.

The western farmer sells his corn at ten cents; the Rhode Island farmer is made to pay thirty-seven cents for it. This is "burning the candle at both ends."

The solicitude of great corporations lest their employes are cheated by the 53 cent dollars of "free and unlimited coinage," is both beautiful and touching.—*Olneyville Times*, Aug. 25.

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One of the most amusing books of the time is Mrs. Fanny D. Bergen's *Current Superstitions*. These Superstitions have been gathered by Mrs. Bergen by means largely of correspondence, for Mrs. Bergen is an invalid, and are "collected from the oral traditions of English speaking folk." These superstitions are of this character: "See a pin, pick it up," &c.; "To dream of onions is good," "chew brown paper as a cure for nose-bleed," "moon full face, open disgrace," "a load of barrels foretells wet weather," "If you crook your knuckles company will come," &c. Besides correspondents, Mrs. Bergen has interviewed old nurses, domestic servants, stewardesses of ocean steamers, *et id genus omnes*; finding it impossible to separate the American from the foreign superstitions, she resolved to "print only the narrations of persons born in America." There is no such thing as distinctive American superstitions of this class, nor is there a distinctive American Vampirism. All such nonsensical things come from Europe, and nothing like the antiquity attaches to them which is commonly supposed. There are in Mrs. Bergen's book 1475 superstitions. Let us take No. 183: "Read the third verse of the third chapter of Hosea, Joel, and Amos, for three Sundays in succession, and the first gentleman you walk with you will marry." This can have no great antiquity, because the Bible in English was not practically in use among the lower classes in England much

before 1600; nor, indeed, was marriage much in practice very many years before that time. It is the same with a great many of these things transmitted by old nurses and servants, and other ignorant people, to children, and so perpetuated. The writer was told when a child that to break a looking-glass was a sure sign of a death in the family. He broke one—there were but four of us—he was frightened nearly to death, awaiting the inevitable hour,—it never came; but from that day he has purposely punctured these silly things. Mrs. Bergen has done a real service in gathering so much nonsense between two covers; but it is a pitiful exhibition of the ignorance and folly of people, and it is a still greater disgrace that it is essentially modern; as civilization has broadened and deepened, this nonsense seems to have taken hold upon besotted intellects.

The writer of BOOK NOTES labors under the delusion that it is no "Political Menace to the Institutions of this Republic," as some anonymous writer in the October *Atlantic* alleges, when the masses of men rise against and overthrow some of the infamous legislation of the past twenty-five years, to wit, the terrible robbing of all laborers by a Protective (McKinley) Tariff—a law depriving the people of more than one half of their actual money, and topping these, the terrible inflictions of grasping landholders in the forms of rent in cities,

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN IN ENGLAND.—*The astonishing story of its success there.*—In April a copy reached London in the hands of a gentleman who had taken it on the steamer to read. He gave it to Mr. Henry Vizetelly, who submitted it to Mr. David Bogue, a man known for his shrewdness and enterprise. He took a night to consider it, and then declined it, although it was offered to him for five pounds. A Mr. Gilpin also declined it. It was then submitted to Mr. Salisbury, a printer. This taster for the public sat up with the book till four o'clock in the morning, alternately weeping and laughing. Feeling, however, that this result was due to his own weakness, he woke up his wife, whom he describes as a rather strong-minded woman, and finding that the story kept her awake and made her also laugh and cry, he thought it might safely be printed. It seems, therefore, that Mr. Vizetelly ventured to risk five pounds, and the volume was brought out through the nominal agency of Clarke & Company. In the first week an edition of seven thousand was worked off. It made no great stir until the middle of June, but during July it sold at the rate of one thousand a week. By the 20th of August the demand for it was overwhelming. The printing firm was then employing four hundred people in getting it out, and seventeen printing machines, besides hand-presses. Already one hundred and fifty thousand copies were sold. Mr. Vizetelly disposed of his interest, and a new printing firm began to issue monster editions. About this time the publishers awoke to the fact that anyone was at liberty to reprint the book, and the era of cheap literature was initiated, founded on American reprints which cost the publisher no royalty. A shilling edition followed the one-and-sixpence, and then one complete for sixpence. As to the total sale, Mr. Sampson Low reports: "From April to December, 1852, twelve different editions (not re-issues) were published."—*Charles D. Warner in the September Atlantic.*

This story must be altogether apocryphal. Mr. Sampson Low was the compiler of the *English Catalogue of Books*. He (Low) does indeed give twelve different publications of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by as many different publishers; ten of these editions he dates 1853; among them is the publication by Clarke & Co. The first *English edition*, according to this *English Catalogue*, is that of Cassell (John) post 8vo, with Cruikshank's illustrations (27 in number), and published

in 1852. Mr. Low records one other publication in that year, that with Nicholson's illustrations, published by Lea, at 1s. 6d. The others (10) Mr. Low has given the date, 1853. Mr. C. Dudley Warner is seriously in error.

The *Atlantic Medical Weekly*, published here in Providence, is sufficiently bright, but somehow it reminds me of Fontenelle, who said that with his fist full of truths, he should not dare to open his hand. BOOK NOTES likes men who do not fear to utter thoughts which will tend to better mankind; but occasionally the Weekly "gets off" a dry thing. Here is one from the last number: "The great American novel is yet unwritten; when it is written it will be by a physician in complete touch with human nature revealed only to medical men." The reason for this opinion is, no doubt, because the Weekly thinks these Doctors have so long dealt in fiction, that they have become the most proficient purveyors of it.

President Elliott, of Harvard University, has a fine paper in the October *Atlantic* descriptive of what he calls the "Five American contributions to civilization." The third contribution, the learned writer says, has been "the safe development of a manhood suffrage nearly universal." He appears to be in favor of the principle of Democracy but "agin" the adoption of it. If all the people composing a nation have not the right nor the ability to govern the nation, who is to decide about the proportion who have this Divine right and the gift? Does any smaller proportion of the people possess more knowledge, or more integrity than the whole body possesses—including, of course, this gifted few?

Do the newspapers which are now giving such a wealth of wisdom on political conditions, actually know any more about these conditions than they knew about what the Chicago Convention would do—before it had done it.

It is great fun, this writing BOOK NOTES. Here the other day the writer wrote this: "Suppose you demonetize gold, making silver the single unit of value, about to what price per ton would gold descend? In the light of such an event, what becomes of the talk about a 53 cent silver dollar, or a 6 cent copper dollar, or a valueless paper dollar? Gold would then sell in the open market for just what it is worth in the arts—nothing more." And two or three days thereafter this anonymous letter:

"What perfect rot! Do you think that if the U. S. demonetizes gold, the value of gold in the *world* is going to decrease appreciably. Gold will still be the standard in most *civilized* countries. As for this last statement, gold *now* sells for "what it is worth in the arts—nothing more." Melt a gold dollar and you still have a dollar's worth of gold. You are worse than the N. Y. Journal in your haphazard statements. FAIR PLAY."

BOOK NOTES did not say anything about the U. S. nor about the A. S. S. who wrote this silly nonsense. If, in 1873, before "Fair Play" made silver money, unlawful money, he had put into his smelting pot one of those now despised 53 cent dollars, would he not have found 163 cents valued by gold? he most certainly would. *Per contra*, had he melted a gold dollar, he would have found just 97 cents in value in silver. Now it will require something more than "Fair Play's" mere assertion, that under like legal conditions like legal situations will not come.

"It is a question with me" writes Lillian Bell in October *Ladies Home Journal*, "whether a woman ever knows all the joys of love-making who has one of those dumb, silent husbands who doubtless adores her but is able to express it only in deeds. It requires an act of the will to remember that his getting down town at seven o'clock every morning is all done for you, when he hasn't been able to tell you in words that he loves you. It is hard to get a letter telling about the weather and how busy he is, when

the same amount of space saying that he got to thinking about you yesterday, when he saw a girl on the street who looked like you, only she didn't carry herself so well as you do, and that he loves you, good-by—would have fairly made your heart turn over with joy, and made you kiss the hurried lines and thrust the letter in your belt, where you could crackle it now and then just to make sure it was there. Nearly all nice men make good lovers in deeds. A great many fail at some important crisis in the handling of words.

"But the last test of all, and to my mind, the greatest, is in the use of words as a balm. Few people, be they men or women, be they only friends, lovers or married, can help occasionally hurting each other's feelings. Accidents are continually happening even when people are good tempered. And for quick or evil tempered ones there is but one remedy—the handsome, honest apology. The most perfect lover is the one who best understands how and when to apologize."

One of the most (to BOOK NOTES the most) interesting papers in the October *McClure* is a remarkably clear and vivid account of the great debates by Lincoln and Douglas in 1858. Lincoln was defeated in the election which followed the debates, just as Fremont was defeated, and just as Bryan may be next November; but revolutions do not move backward; the lancet which McKinley put into one arm of the working-man is still at work, and now Mr. Mark Hanna proposes to put it into the other arm. More Trusts! more blood! we shall see.

The *Journal* of Sept. 22d says, editorially, "It is difficult to reform either parties or individuals, by making it easy for them to continue in their evil ways." Precisely; then why elect McKinley, from whom must come more tariff, more trusts, more monopolies, more misery for the poor—but of course "Sound" money, the money of the laborer of to-day has indeed an empty "sound."

There has recently fallen into the hands of the writer a fragment of a valuable manuscript. It is parts I (one) and XI (eleven) of *Isaac Backus His Book*. It is the autobiography of the author of the "*History of New England*," with special reference to the Baptists." It covers the years from the birth of Backus to July 1751, and from January 1st 1785 to July 1789. On the inside of the coarse brown paper wrappers Mr. Backus has written, "The ensuing Diary was written in the singleness of my heart, as things appeared to me from time to time, and others may learn thereby that real sincerity of soul before God is not a certain rule of conduct, but the Word of God is a perfect rule." Dec. 5, 1793. Mr. Rider would be glad to learn the whereabouts of the other parts of this most curious and most interesting manuscript.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell has for months been gathering material for his romance, "Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker," which is to be the leading serial of *The Century* during the coming year. The novel is a story of the Revolutionary War and of Philadelphia society during the period from 1753 to 1783. The Historical Society of Philadelphia gave Dr. Mitchell free access to its great collections of family letters, deposited in its fire-proof rooms by nearly all the older Philadelphia families — the Shippens, McKeanes, Logans, etc.

People talk about a Franklin Fire-place, without knowing anything whatever about such a contrivance. These open iron fire-frames continually sold as Franklin Fire-places, bear not the slightest resemblance to the genuine construction by Benjamin Franklin. Go to Vol. 3 of Franklin's Works, Phil. 1809, page 403, where you will find Franklin's own description of the construction upon purely scientific principles, with copper-plates illustrating this construction. The writer does not believe that there is in Providence a genuine Franklin Fire-place.

The Boston Park System is receiving most interesting and thorough treatment in the *New England Magazine*. Three articles relating to different features of it have already appeared, and in the October number there is a fourth devoted to the Charles River Basin, which is in many respects the most attractive and noteworthy of the series. It is written, like the recent article on the Blue Hills of Milton, by William Howe Downes, the well-known art critic, and shows what a magnificent factor in Boston life and the Boston landscape the Charles River Basin can be made if the plans of the large-minded men upon the Park Commission are carried out. It is illustrated by many views of the river and its shores in and above Boston, and also by a score of European views, showing the splendid architectural effects which have been attained in cities like Hamburg, London, Paris and Geneva. The article will be a stimulus, not only to the people of Boston, but to people in all the American cities now occupied with the problem of public beauty.

The *Review of Reviews* for October continues its admirable record of the Presidential campaign. In the July, August, and September numbers the Republican, Democratic, and Populist conventions were reviewed, together with the careers of the nominees. In the October number the movement of the "sound-money" Democrats, culminating in the Indianapolis convention, receives similar attention. No other publication in the country offers in a single number such a wealth of political portraiture, or so wide a range of cartoon illustrations. Every noteworthy phase of the canvass is fully and impartially presented. Material is gathered from every source and carefully digested.

The "arguments" used by the Yale "Students" against Bryan were quite as convincing, and far more conclusive, than are the arguments of the entire body of Eastern newspapers.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 3, 1896.

It is positively astounding that the men in the General Assembly should enact a statute of the infamous character of the "Insurance" law. It has made a law enabling an Insurance Company to put upon you all the losses by fire, which you lose, and *three-quarters of the loss* which these companies pretend they carry for your protection—charging you meanwhile the *premium upon their whole* pretended risks. The scheme is a downright swindle.

The *Journal* continually speaks of the "better classes in the community." Will that paper please define the "better class?" Does it consist of the Coal Combine, now robbing the "worst class" of a dollar on a ton for coal; or does it consist of those men who buy laws making pocket picking by themselves lawful, and calling the act "protection?"

One of the most pressing national problems, and at the same time one of the hardest to solve, is what the government is to do to obtain from the Pacific Railways the millions owing by them to it and now coming due. Dr. J. P. Davis, one of the foremost authorities on this subject, has contributed an elaborate paper to the September *Annals of the American Academy*, in which he discusses the Pacific Railway question in all its bearings, explaining in particular the advantages of the various proposed plans of settlement.

The *Journal* follows the interesting and valuable memoirs of Harry Hill (dive-keeper) and of John Chamberlain (gambling house keeper) with a column "memoir" of Ed Crane) a base-ball player), who succeeded in drinking himself to death, suicide, at 32 years. The examples of such men the *Journal* presents for emulation to the rising generation.

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What is "Internal Evidence?"—A Historical Criticism.

Since the publication of the Historical Tract, written by Mr. Rider, concerning the Forgeries connected with the Deed from the Indian Sachems to Roger Williams, of the lands upon which the city of Providence now stands, there have been two publications issued, for the purpose of turning aside from William Harris and William Arnold the effects of the Tract. The first of these publications is a small pamphlet with the title, "Some William Harris Memoranda, giving a Sorrowful account of Roger Williams"; the second is a paper entitled "The Indian Deed Question," published in the October number of the Publications of the R. I. Historical Society. This latter paper consists chiefly of a document which the Historical Society, through Mr. Amos Perry, the editor of the periodical, says, "has a bearing upon the question of the forgeries, and that it was written by Howlong [Harris] Fenner, the daughter of William Harris," the Harris who was, in case my Tract is correct, the arch-conspirator in a gigantic land stealing operation. Neither of these publications have the slightest bearing upon the question at issue; nevertheless, I think that a critical analysis of them will make interesting reading. I will therefore make the attempt, beginning with the Historical Society's Publication:

The editor aforesaid, Mr. Perry, says con-

cerning the document, "The *original* paper is printed here (*sic*) as having a bearing on the question whether the document that has been handed down from the early settlement as the Indian deed of Providence is genuine or is a forgery." Just here Mr. Perry makes his first blunder. Not the slightest question has been raised concerning the genuineness of the manuscript deed now in existence; the question is, are those differences which now appear between this original manuscript deed and the recorded copies of the same, genuine, or are they forgeries? Accuracy of statement is of the first necessity in all historical writing; I cannot permit this editor to change the issue or confuse his readers.

This document is addressed "to the Honoured Cort at New Port on Rhod Island the fourth of May 1708." It is not signed, but it declares that the father of the writer was one of the original thirteen men who planted Providence; that Gov. Endicott summoned "my father" to Boston on the complaint of W. Arnold and W. Carpenter; that W. Carpenter forbade "my father" mowing of them meddows at Tuskewonk; it then gives an account of W. Arnold "raseing out some of their Town Deed," and how that "the Town men were exceeding angry, and would have had William Arnold's ears bin cropt"; but that "my father" said he was unwilling and perswaided his partnours to forbear; it further relates how that Joseph Carpenter told "my father" that his grandmother (who was

Elizabeth Arnold, wife of William Arnold,) thinking the original Deed, which was in her husband's keeping, was a pees of wast paper and Raped up garden seeds in it when she had soed her seeds she threw away the Deed as waist paper and he found it wt lying out in the wet, some of the Deed Tore out and William Harris would have had his cares cut of, my father told Joseph Carpenter if he had not wtstud them and intreated them very much they would have cut of his (Joseph Carpenter's) grandfather's ears, because his grandfather had cut out some of the Town Deed." Such is a sufficient synopsis of the document; and it is adequate to my present purpose. I deny that the document was written by the daughter of William Harris, and therefore it follows that the words "my father" have no reference to that individual. It is curious to note in passing, the use of this term "my father," forty-eight times in this short paper. Then, continues the editor for the Historical Society aforesaid, and informs us that the words "Honoured Cort" means the General Assembly; and that "internal and circumstantial evidence is adduced that satisfies critical members of the [Historical] Society that it [the document] was written by Howlong [Harris] Fenner, a daughter of William Harris." The reference to the Honoured Cort is without doubt correct; but almost everything else stated by the learned editor aforesaid I believe to be error. The "critical members" of the Historical Society have wholly misunderstood the "internal evidence"; and since this "Society (as the editor says) has but one object, the attainment of the truth," it may possibly be my duty to assist the Society in this very praiseworthy object.

In 1894, I printed the essential portion of this very document in BOOK NOTES, Vol. 9, page 109. It was brought to me by Mr. Edwin Field, one of the commission now preparing the Early Records for publication by the city government. Mr. Field informed me that the document was written by Arthur Fenner, the son of the first Arthur, commonly known as Captain Arthur; I then

gave no thought to the matter, printing it exactly as Mr. Field had informed me. I have now given the matter consideration—and I dissent wholly from Mr. Field's opinion as then given. (It is proper to say that Mr. Field himself now rejects his former opinion, and is behind the statement of Mr. Perry, that Howling Harris was the writer of the document.) The writer of the document says that "my father was one of the thirteen first proprietors." This rules out Captain Arthur Fenner from being "my father," for the very good reason that he was not one of the First Proprietors; he came here about 1650, hence his son Arthur could not have written the paper. Having expressed my disbelief in the opinion that Howlong Harris wrote the document, or that it was written by anybody in the Harris interest, it is proper that I give the reasons upon which a judgment is founded.

The document begins and ends with denunciations of the "Pawtuxet men," of whom Harris was the leader. Would Harris's own daughter, whom Harris made the chief executor of his will, have done this? Most assuredly not. Again, it is written in the document, "Mr. Carpenter forbid my father to mowing ot them meadows." W. Carpenter was one of the Pawtuxet partners with Harris; in case Harris received land, Carpenter came in for a large portion of it; would he have opposed his partner in the mowing of these meadows?—most assuredly not. There is in my possession an original document written by W. Harris in 1673 upon this very matter. These meadows were the lands of Tuskewonke, now Pontiac. John Greene had an undivided interest in these lands under the first two Indian deeds, that of Providence and that of Showomet. William Harris held only under one of these titles, that of Providence, unless the forgeries which I have shown could have been legally established. The document which the Historical Society prints reads thus: "When my father saw that he could not obtain his desire to be possesst of his one particular fight to himself, then he sent his sons and mowed Tus-

kewonke meddows." Now, if "my father" means William Harris, then *he intended to mow* these meadows; but Harris intended no such thing. He did desire a division of the land, but he desired to "head off" an intended mowing of this land by the "men of Warwick," of whom John Greene was one of the chief. Here are his words from the original paper now in my possession:

"I have formerly several times mentioned, and desired, the dividing of the meadows at Toskaunk" (Pontiac), * * * "that every man may enjoye his own parte;" * * * "it is noe time for dally, for they of Warwick I hear have laid out and intend to mow ye said meadows."

This is conclusive proof that "my father" and William Harris were not one and the same individual. Again, it is written in the Historical Society paper, "Mr. Arnold and Mr. Carpenter made complaint to Gov. Endicott of Boston, that William Harris was settled down upon their land. Gov. Endicott summoned my father down to Boston to the complaint of Mr. Arnold and Mr. Carpenter." The name William Harris and the terms "my father" seem to be here synonymous; but they are not synonymous. A warrant was issued by the Mass. General Court for the arrest of certain of the men of Warwick, on the 12th Sept. 1643, to wit., Gorton, Wicks, Holden, Potter, Weston, Carder, Warner and Wadell; neither John Greene nor Shotten, nor Waterman nor Power, (all among the first purchasers of Warwick,) were named in the warrant. This fact is mentioned by Staples (Collections R. I. Hist. Soc. 2, p. 95), but he is unable to explain it. On the 20th October, 1643, a second warrant was issued by the same authority. It was a *Commission with Power*, given to W. Arnold and W. Carpenter, to arrest Waterman, Power (Nich.) John Greene, and his son John, and take them to Boston, (Mass. Col. Rec. V. 4, pt. 1, p. 332.)

This warrant proves that Arnold's and Carpenter's complaint was not against W. Harris for settling upon their land, as is stated in the document itself, but was against

John Greene and his son John. There was never issued any order of arrest by the Massachusetts authorities against William Harris. The writer of the document is also in error in giving Gov. Endicott as the Executive of the Massachusetts Colony. John Winthrop was the Governor, and it was under him that these arrests came. Gov. Endicott had not at that time ever held the position of Governor. William Harris was *not in this business* personally; the proof lies not alone in the omission of his name from the official document, but he has left his own statement to that effect. (R. I. Hist. Col. V. 2, p. 113.) Harris says, concerning the troops sent by Massachusetts to capture "Samuel Gorton and his company,"—"The captain, on hearing that the offering of the Warwick men, to take appeal to England, or to appoint arbitrators, was refused by Massachusetts, dissolved the truce, and the same day proceeded to give fire *upon them*." If Harris was to be arrested, why did he say, the troops "*gave fire upon them*?" who was "them?" Again: The account of the mutilation of the Indian deed is vivid and various. It is stated that the Town men (that is, the men of Providence,) were angry with William Arnold for "Raseing out some of the Town Deed." That while the deed was in Arnold's keeping, the Town men having occasion to call for it, found the deed *was cut out* and the two ends laid together; there is still a different story told therein, thus, the seed story, which has been already herein stated; and also, a second time, Arnold is charged with having "cut out some of the Town Deed." Then comes the ear cropping stories, of which there are two; in the first, "my father" interposed to stop the cutting; and the second in which William Harris insists upon cropping Arnold's ears, and "my father" stopped the proceeding. It is impossible that this can be true. Howlong Harris would never have accused her father in this way; nor would she have spelled her father's name "Haris," and subsequently corrected it. She was not the author of the document. Moreover, there is direct and positive proof

in the "Early Records," Vol. 4, page 70, that Harris and Arnold were *acting in concert*—not antagonistic to each other. There is another form of evidence against the idea that Howlong Harris wrote the paper, to wit, the paper is illiterate; the spelling is terribly awry, and the construction of sentences without form. Howlong Harris was not illiterate; she knew well how to spell, and also how to construct sentences. She was a well educated woman. So much for the "internal evidence." The critical members of the Society were too quickly satisfied; as it appears to me, the thing was not written by Mrs. Fenner, nor has it any bearing on the question of the Forgeries.

It was written 4th May, 1708, as the learned Historical Society editor says, (and correctly, too,) to the General Assembly of Rhode Island. A year before this date, on the 11th June, 1707, the Harris case had received in the English court its ending; it was thenceforth dead. This paper was therefore written for no purpose of using it in that matter,—that matter was never again to be revived, or attempted to be revived. If the learned gentlemen aforesaid will refer to the Colonial Records of R. I., Vol. 4, p. 41, they will find there the record of an action brought by Richard Greene against Joseph Williams in the matter of these disputed lands; it was heard on the 5th May, 1708, just one day following the date of the document. If the document was intended for any court, this was that court; if it was to have any bearing upon any case, this was that case. So far as it touches upon the matters discussed in the *Forgeries Tract*, written by myself, it is simply confirmatory thereof. It was probably written by John Greene (the second), or at his dictation, he being then 88 years old, and too infirm to make the journey to Newport. It is in the nature of a deposition, and is doubtless a copy of the original, sent, signed, to Newport. It is the recollections of an old, very old man, of things which happened sixty-five years previously to the writing of them, and

there is internal evidence of a "wandering" mind. BOOK NOTES is happy when assisting the editor of the Publications of the Historical Society in his pursuit of the truth. The length of this paper precludes the possibility of considering the pamphlet above referred to in this issue of BOOK NOTES.

BOOK NOTES of Sept. 5, gave a synopsis of the new Rhode Island Statute of Insurance. On the 6th October a case was tried before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The *Telegram* of the 7th inst. gave a report of the case, from which report the following extract is taken :

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On the 5th of last September, there appeared in BOOK NOTES a paper entitled "An Imitation of Insurance." It was a criticism of the new Rhode Island Insurance Law. A president of one of the Rhode Island Insurance companies has recently interviewed the writer, for the purpose of convincing him of the errors in his opinions as therein expressed, and the correction of the errors into which he had fallen. Nothing would give so much pain to the writer as to think that he had wilfully or with malice misrepresented any man, or any thing. I am not guilty—nevertheless, I may be wrong in an opinion—such things do sometimes happen to men. Now what I want is to be right. Nearly all of the objections urged by my interviewer were of the dissolving view order, fading out of sight even while we were looking at them; but there were two objections urged of which I take note: It was said that where I make ridicule of the law which reads, "A company *may* print on or in its policies its name," that I omitted certain words which required that this name so printed must be in "eight point roman." Of course I did not omit these, nor any words necessary to an understanding. Seriously, consider if these words were actually in the statute in this place, as my interviewer claimed, how the name Equitable Fire Insurance Company would look printed in eight point roman, just as it is here "set." Now go look at the law, and see for yourselves

whether BOOK NOTES was guilty of the nasty trick of omitting necessary words in order to trip your judgment. The other objection was to the last clause in the following paragraph—that relating to a total loss. The case was of a man having a \$5,000 stock, with \$1,000 insurance, and a fire which damaged his stock to the amount of \$1,000.

BOOK NOTES said the company will then inform you that your stock being \$5,000, you were your own insurer for \$3,000, this company for \$1,000, the necessary 80 per cent. being \$4,000. The loss being \$1,000, you must pay (yourself) \$750, and this company may pay \$250,—and even this you can never get in case the company takes advantage of the various quibbles which the "Standard" form provides. Instead of being insured for \$1,000 at $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., you were insured for \$250 at 5 per cent. But suppose that you had a total loss of \$5,000, how would the case stand? The company could still hold you to the 80 per cent. clause, and pay you only \$250, you pocketing the balance of your loss, \$4,750.

This total loss is an open question; we have no judicial opinion upon which to fall back. In the matter, private or individual, opinions of men may differ. I may have been in error; at any rate, I will give my interviewer the benefit of the doubt, especially since two companies here offer to write a clause in a policy waiving such construction. This 80 per cent. clause has no exist-

tence in any Rhode Island law. It is simply a contrivance made by a combination of insurance companies. Will anybody suppose that it was made for the safety or security of the insured? But as to this matter of a total loss, I do not know what a carefully trained legal mind might do with the question; but, ignorant as I am in such matters, I would undertake, with the assistance of the "Standard Form of Policy," before a competent equity court, to maintain with success the correctness of the opinion which I held. But we have no "Standard Form." Even my interviewer himself told me that the company which he represents has *six varieties* of the Standard Form, and bewailed—not the principle—but the expense. Does not this admit the truth of that which I said? "In all soberness what becomes of a Standard Form? There is no such thing." Moreover, a president of a company now offers me a policy on these conditions: With the 80 per cent. clause, one (1) per cent.; without the 80 per cent. clause, one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) per cent.—precisely 50 per cent. advance above the old rates here. Does not this fact admit the truth of what BOOK NOTES said, that "The whole device is one simply to greatly increase our rate, and greatly reduce the amount which we can possibly get in case of loss." It is only fair that since I am asked to reconsider my former paper, that I do so not only in the matter of error, but also in the matter of omissions. In this light I have further considered this 80 per cent. clause, and the working of it, and these are some of the conclusions which I have reached. You have a stock of merchandise costing \$5,000, in an unexceptionable location, with almost no danger from fire; nevertheless you conclude to carry a small insurance, so you ask the "Equitable" to take a policy of \$1,000, and get it. On it is pasted this 80 per cent. clause. So your stock being \$5,000, you will require \$4,000 in policies, or be your own insurer; thereupon you obtain a policy for \$1,000 from the "Merchants," another for \$1,000 from the "Providence Washington," and another for

\$1,000 from Starkweather & Shepley. Thus you have the required 80 per cent. of insurance, and doubtless suppose that you are relieved from the personal risk; but there is an "eight point roman" clause in this policy which has not attracted your attention; it is these words in section 5: "This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement endorsed herein or added thereto, shall be void if the insured now has or shall hereafter make or procure any other contract of insurance." Under the former system we were at liberty to take as many policies as we desired, and any or all were supposed to be valid, in case we actually had the necessary stock; but now things are changed.

You failed to ask the "Equitable" to agree to your policy with the "Merchants," and so too with the "Washington," and so too with Shepley. Now observe what happened. The "Merchants" extinguished the "Equitable," the "Washington" extinguished the "Merchants," and "Shepley" extinguished the "Washington"—so that in fact while having paid for four policies, only one is of any force, and this only to one fourth of the face value—you being your own insurer for three fourths of your stock, hence you can only receive \$250, when you supposed that you held \$4,000 of insurance. But let us carry this inquiry a step further. You have a stock of merchandise costing \$5,000. You take of the "Equitable" a policy of \$4,000. This covers the 80 per cent. clause. You add \$2000 to your stock, making it \$7,000; this requires \$5,600 insurance—so you get the "Merchants" to take \$1,600. Nothing is said of the "agreement" clause, and your \$4,000 "Equitable" policy is instantly destroyed. What becomes of the equities in these cases? There is moreover another aspect of this part of the "Statute," or what is made to pass for a statute. There is not uniformity of action in the use of the 80 per cent. clause. Some agents here require an insurer to take 90 per cent. of the cost of his property insured. Under such conditions in the case first mentioned above, the com-

pany might possibly pay \$222, and the person insured must stand the balance of his loss, \$778.

There is another clause, or couple of clauses, in this same section 5 which ranks with the sublime in absurdity. It reads, "It shall be optional with the company to take all or any part of the articles at such ascertained or appraised value." Now at the close, this, "but there can be no abandonment to the company of the property described." If I cannot abandon how can a company take. The very acquisition of property by one party requires abandonment by the other party; property otherwise acquired is, in the law, called stealing. This is a fine illustration of the equities throughout the law. You can't abandon, but you can be forced to abandon; while an insurance company can take, but can't be forced to take.

This extraordinary statute was the work of men unknown; it was enacted of course by the General Assembly; the commissioners who revised the laws would never give ear to the requests to be heard from the Insurance Department of the State. No person representing the insured ever appeared before the "Committee of the General Assembly" which revised the revision; but, if I am credibly informed, so great was the purpose of the General Assembly to lay these additional burdens upon its constituents, that it was only with the greatest expedition that Mr. Barton of the "Merchants," and Mr. Arnold of the "Equitable," could get to the State House in time to look, not after the interest of their companies, but after the interests of those who insured—the public; unfortunately, the philanthropic efforts of these gentlemen were of no avail; the General Assembly was determined to twist the tails of its constituents.

These Insurance Companies have procured the enactment of a law forcing you to give them, either more policies or larger policies; or fifty per cent. advance in the rate, or stand yourself a part of the loss which you pay them to assume. It is a will-o'-the-wisp;

when you go for it, it is n't there. It must have been written by some John Bindloose, the attorney which Scott drew in *St. Ronan's Well*. This is written not to injure insurance companies, but to awaken men to examine, whether they are really getting that which they suppose they now have—security.

Arthur L. Brown has been made U. S. District Judge for Rhode Island, and almost universal approval has been expressed concerning President Cleveland's selection. Mr. Brown is young, which is an admirable quality with which to begin; he has an acute mind; is tireless in his research for the truth, and fearless in proclaiming it; and he possesses in a high degree the judicial temperament, without which no man is fit for the judicial office. BOOK NOTES wishes him well, for it believes that he will not let "Opinion ride upon the neck of Reason."

In speaking of the action of judges, we too often forget that judges do not make laws; they simply expound and apply them to cases; judges are too often blamed for judgments which could not be escaped under the law; and I fancy judges are often called upon to enforce laws which are abominable to them, because of inequity. This is the second time that the name, Arthur Brown, has become distinguished in the annals of the law in Rhode Island. The former Arthur Brown was a Newport boy, who became a Professor of the Civil Law at Trinity College, Dublin, and who was the author of a treatise on the *Civil Law*, which became a high authority for many years. Professor Brown was the author of other works of note. This Arthur Brown's father was one of the original Fellows of Rhode Island College, now Brown University.

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The Municipal League, acting as it advertises, in the interest of Reform and of Good Government, has placed in nomination for re-election, Mr. R. W. Burbank, as an Alderman for the city of Providence. Mr. Burbank was but recently the Attorney General of Rhode Island. While holding that office, he used it to prevent the investigation of crimes for which the grand jury was instituted, and without which investigation crimes cannot be punished. As an officer of the law he used his office to prevent the operations of the law.

As foreman of a grand jury, under my oath, I laid before Attorney General Burbank an allegation of an act, the knowledge of which had been brought to me, which was a crime, if the allegation was true. It was the province of the grand jury to examine the foundation of this allegation; and Judge Wilbur now charges, that had I not brought the fact before the grand jury, a charge of perjury would have laid against me. This complaint Attorney General Burbank did not bring, and he prevented by his action the grand jury from investigating it. Is this the kind of Reform or Good Government for which the Municipal League is now standing? Is such an act the duty of a sworn officer under the law, as Mr. Burbank then was? Here is another instance: Mr. Burbank as Attorney General undertook to coerce the grand jury into the indictment of a woman for an offence, to wit, "maintaining a building as a grog-shop," and as a house of ill-fame, and resorted to for prostitution, lewdness, &c., when in fact the building was maintained by the Attorney General himself, he being trustee of the estate,—but whether maintained by the woman or by the Attorney General, the woman occupied it from 1st July, 1892, until 1st July, 1894, lived in it, and furnished the money which paid the rent,—the Attorney General being all the time the actual landlord. Will anybody believe that the Attorney General did not "knowingly permit" his building to be used by the woman he was "prosecuting" during these years?

If he did "knowingly permit," then he was equally guilty with the woman, under the same statute.

The writer has seen no explanation of these transactions; but, until satisfactorily explained, is Mr. Burbank a proper candidate for an office of great public responsibility to be placed in nomination by a Municipal Reform League in the interest of Good Government? Does this League propose to ram reform, *such reform*, down our throats, whether we want it, or do not want it?

The *Cosmopolitan* for October (price only 10 cents) has a capital paper written by Frances Courtenay Baylor, entitled the "True History of Our Cooks." This lady is one of the most talented writers now among American women. Some years since she wrote an excellent novel entitled "On Both Sides." She has a keen sense of the ridiculous, and abounding wit; she has a very acute perception of human character, and an almost intuitive knowledge in describing it in the most effective way. Her sketches are admirable, and so too is the *Cosmopolitan*.

Timothy Cole, the celebrated American wood engraver, who has for years been engaged in engraving in Europe for *The Century* the masterpieces of Italian, Dutch, and Flemish art, has now transferred the seat of his labors to England, and the first example of a new series on the English Masters is printed as a frontispiece to the November *Century*. It is from Hogarth's well-known painting, "The Shrimp-Seller."

The November McClure's will tell the story of Lincoln's nomination in 1860, drawing largely on the personal recollections of the men who were instrumental in securing the nomination. The papers will be fully illustrated.

The November *Atlantic* will contain some Early Recollections of Bret Harte by Charles W. Stoddard, who was his associate and friend in the old California days.

THE BOOK NOTES

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 31, 1896.

Tosti has hitherto been known only as the writer of some of the most famous songs known to musical people. He has now written his first purely instrumental composition, a minuet for the piano, which *The Ladies' Home Journal* has secured and will publish in an early issue.

The following clipping is from the Boston Herald of the 13th inst.:

"William Shaw Bowen has seen the campaign subscription paper of the Colorado silver miners, in which they agree to pay \$300,000 into the Bryan campaign fund. The name of each subscriber and the amount subscribed are given with an attention to detail that gives this statement every appearance of accuracy and genuineness."

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A Sorrowful Account of William Harris.

BOOK NOTES resumes consideration of the matters which have been published with reference to the writer's Historical Tract concerning the forgeries interpolated into the recorded copy of the deed given by the Sachems to Roger Williams. A small pamphlet containing eight pages has been recently printed, without date, or place, entitled "*Some William Harris Memoranda*"; on the reverse of the same page is this subtitle: "*Wm. Harris's Letter giving a Sorrowful account of Roger Williams.*" This letter was written by Harris to a certain Capt. Deane; it is dated at Providence, 14th Nov. 1666. It is printed from a copy of the original made by Moses Brown; the original letter has been lost, or at all events, the present location of it is not known. There also appears on this Brown copy these words: "So far as concerns Roger Williams." which words are omitted in the printed copy. There are evident marks of mutilation in this Brown copy; such a letter would have been incomprehensible to Capt. Deane, if had he received it as Brown has made it. However, this does not affect my present purpose. I am not reviewing the *original letter*, but only this Brown copy; but it is not a true copy of what it purports to be a true copy; there are material changes which affect seriously the meaning of the letter as against the character of Williams. Moses Brown was an active

hater of Williams through the latter part of his extended life. How far he allowed his hatred to carry him in this matter cannot now be shown. The mutilations by Brown, together with the interpolations in the present issue, form altogether an interesting subject. Let us first consider these interpolations, omissions, and changes. It must not be overlooked, that the question whether this alleged letter was written by Harris or not rests solely on the unsupported word of Moses Brown. It may have been the work of both Harris and Brown; both men were rancorous enemies of Roger Williams.

These changes are as follows: The manuscript reads, "As to the powder, &c., I had very little of it, I think about a pound and half thereof, and shot answerable, and then at the rec't paid for it." This word "rec't" is "rate" in the manuscript. The printed copy makes it appear that Harris paid for the powder on receipt of it; but he made no such statement; the word "rate" means tax. Again, the printed copy reads, "I asked Mr. Williams if *he* might not see by his books and bills of lading what was cast away." In the manuscript this word *he* is written *we*. This use of the word "he" conveys the impression that Harris knew that the thing which he questioned, Williams knew that his books would show; while the use of the "we" simply asks a question; this is an adroit change of meaning. Again, in the printed copy, we read,

"Afterwards a rate (tax) was made to pay for the powder and shot again, and again I paid for it, but what has become of it I cannot tell." Here in the manuscript after the word "it," and before the word "but," these words are written, "and am able to prove it"; but Harris was not able to prove it; as he admits in these words which directly follows, "but what has become (of this proof) I cannot tell." Of course, such changes are fatal to all correct historical work; the result is the same whether they happened by accident or by design; but we cannot resist the impression that the present purpose was to make this "sorrowful account" more sorrowful.

For this Powder and Shot business see Col. Rec. V. 1, p. 346. It was at a meeting of the Court of Commissioners held October 11th, 1656. John Clark, at London, procured four barrels of gunpowder and eight barrels of shot and bullets and consigned them to Roger Williams, as President of the colony; "this Assembly ordered that this powder and shot remain in our said President's custody." There were then four towns, and the Assembly ordered that each of them should have one barrel of powder and two barrels of shot, upon order of the clerks of the towns, and upon payment of ten pound in good and well assorted strunge peage after the rate of eight white per pennie, and foure black per pennie from each Towne." In case any of the Towns "faile in the performance hereof," "then it shall remaine in the President's power to dispose of the said powder that is soe neglected as in wisdom he shall see best for the procuringe returns to send to Mr. Clark in England for it." Two years afterwards, Nov. 2, 1658, the General Assembly ordered a levy of 24 pounds made upon the towns, equally divided between the four towns, "to make restitution for the powder and shott sent from England by Mr. John Clark; forasmuch as the returne made by Mr. Williams is conceived to be cast away and lost." (Col. Rec. 1, 395.) On the 17th May, 1659, the General Assembly ordered a tax levied upon the four towns of fifty pounds, to pay

the balance due for powder and shot. (Col. Rec. 1, 416.)

At this same session of the General Assembly, (Nov. 2, 1858,) four members, to wit, Thomas Olney, Samuel Gorton, John Tripp, and John Crandall, were "chosen and authorized to draw up a letter to Mr. John Clark." This letter appears in Col. Rec. 1, p. 396; in it are these words: "Last year we laden you with much employment by reason of two refractory among ourselves, wherein wee appealed unto you for advice with respect to our superiors, but our intelligence it seems fell shorte (it was the case against Harris) in that great loss of the ship which is conceived here to be cast away; we have not been unmindful of the kindness of our friends in that supply of powder and shot; and being a barrel of "furrs" was returned in that shippe whereof Mr. Garret had the command whereon was betwixt twenty and thirty pounds worth of goods shipped; the colony hath taken order for the recountinge of that loss which we cannot possibly get in readiness to send by this shippe, but our intent is, God willing, to send by the next opportunity." (Col. Rec. 1, p. 399.) It was no doubt the loss of this ship and the papers which she carried, that prevented our further hearing from the English Government concerning the case against Harris; all the papers together with Harris's book, which was in manuscript, were sent by this ship and all were lost. This fact has been overlooked by every Rhode Island writer. The not hearing further from this case has given rise to an opinion that there was nothing of consequence in Williams's charge against Harris, but the papers being wrecked the Government never heard of it.

There is this phrase in Harris's letters, in reference to this powder and shot: "and then at the rate paid for it, afterwards Mr. Williams said the return was cast away; at the same time in open town meeting, I asked Mr. Williams if he (we) might not see by his books and bills of lading what was cast away." It was the loss by the ship as above described to which Harris refers. Williams

had no bill of lading, nor any actual account of the merchandize which he had shipped,—and Harris was twitting him of his lack of business methods in such management. Such weaknesses are too often the case with men of genius, as Williams was; and such exultation as Harris manifested is common to those men who, being guilty, first learn of the destruction of the evidence upon which their legal conviction rests.

If Moses Brown has truly given a verbatim copy of Harris's letter, then Harris lied in endeavoring to throw discredit upon Williams's integrity. These transactions are positively conclusive against the integrity of Harris. This pamphlet has no direct bearing upon the questions discussed in the Forgery Tract; nevertheless, it has a bearing upon another subject of some interest, to wit, Harris's ideas of government.

Williams had charged Harris with "notorious attempts to draw all the English subjects of this colony into a traitorous renouncing of their allegiance and subjection"; and this complaint grew into a charge of "high treason." The Court of Commissioners (or General Assembly) "directed the Attorney General to take notice of the case." At the following session, July, 1657, John Easton was ordered to take the place of Attorney General, and together with John Wicks, was to propose to "this Assembly" the best progress in order to a trial. The Assembly then placed on their records this sentence declared to be from Harris's book: "That he that can say it is in his conscience ought not to yield subjection to any human order amongst men," (Col. Rec. 1, 364, also Arnold's Hist. R. I., 1, 262.) No explanation of this extraordinary sentiment has ever been discovered. This letter comes now to verify but not to explain, Mr. Harris's utterance. Here he says, page 3,) "His (Williams's) differences and mine grew by reason of some simple, harmless people that will not defend themselves but suffer all things, and will not fight, nor swear, nor take an engagement to any governor, nor government, for which cause Mr. Williams would have sent them to

England, for which cause he indicted them, therefore I wrote to him, telling him of his former large professions of liberty of conscience." These "harmless people" were of course the Quakers, and this is the reason for Moses Brown's interest in copying the letter. Thus Harris admits the charge made by Easton and Wicks to be correct. A conscientious scruple against the payment of a tax to support a government, Harris held to be, under the plea of liberty of conscience, a valid reason for not paying the tax, while the individual availed himself of the protection and general security of a government. Under such a system, or lack of system, society is at once reverted to its constituent elements; then succeeds an absence of government, which is anarchy, pure and simple. Nevertheless, William Harris invoked the aid of the law in his nefarious scheme; but this shows how little Harris understood the great principles of soul liberty which Williams had planted at Providence; religious freedom meant to Harris civil license. Then continues Harris, (page 3,) "He (Williams) indicted me for contempt of all government, and I being demanded whether guilty or not guilty, I answered, not guilty, and the verdict of the jury was—not guilty." All of which is a downright lie. The court declared that "it cannot but conclude his conduct therein to be both contemptuous and seditious." (Col. Rec. 1, 364.)

The Assembly then directed the papers comprising the Harris writings, the charge, and Harris's reply, to be sent to John Clarke, desiring him to commend the matter in our and the commonwealth's behalf for further judgment, and held Harris in the sum of £500 sterling, with his son Andrew, to perform the orders of the court concerning the charge of high treason against him." That does not look very much like a verdict of not guilty, as Harris alleges. The date of these events was July, 1657. The date when Williams "layd," not an indictment, as Harris says, but an "accusation," against Harris, was 19th May, 1657. The Quaker discussion took place *after the Harris incident*.

The two letters supposed to have been written by Williams, are dated, 13th Oct., 1657, and 13th March, 1658. Not a word in these letters substantiates what Harris said. On the contrary, the latter letter has these words: "And as concerning these Quakers (so called) which are now among us, we have no law among us whereby to punish any for only declaring by words, &c., their mindes and understandings concerning the things and ways of God as to salvation and an eternal condition." (Col. Rec. 1, 377.) That certainly does not look much like sending the Quakers to England—to which end the colony had not the means. The uttermost which the colony could have done was to send the Quakers outside the borders of the colony, and this the colony absolutely refused to do. Nor does it look like an indictment of the Quakers by Mr. Williams, as Harris alleges. Thus Harris's story of Williams's action towards the Quakers is wholly unsustainable by the facts; and Harris's assertion that because he championed the Quakers, Williams had laid his accusation, cannot be true, for the excellent reason that the dates of the two events are antagonistic to any such conclusion. Williams upheld the Quakers before the law; would it have been objectionable to him to have Harris do the same thing? Well, hardly. The loss by shipwreck of those papers above mentioned as sent to Clark is sufficient reason for never having heard from the English Government concerning the case.

These vituperations and insinuations by William Harris against Roger Williams are not in their nature evidence going to show that Harris and William Arnold did not interpolate forgeries into the copy of the Indian Deed, the recording of which was brought about by their united efforts. This letter, like the pretended Howlong Harris document which the Historical Society published, does not touch the real question in the slightest degree. All that is shown is, that the hatred of Williams by those people in the 17th century is still cherished by their descendants even to the 20th century.

This letter to Deane, bearing date November, 1666, was written at the supreme moment when Harris considered his scheme an assured success; a scheme laid long and deep. He says, "I have seen the faithfulness of God in my deliverence from the hands of men." He must have believed that God was his special assistant in those forgery schemes. That he had succeeded he believed, for he wrote, "his (Roger Williams) undermining my just rights, hath the more firmly established my true title." In this same connection, consider the impious character of the man who could write (page 4), "God hath made me a purchaser of his (Roger Williams's) *profit, peace and safety, and at my own cost*, (price,) by the good providence of God." Just consider such brazen impudence. At that moment, Harris, and his brother Thomas Harris, and William Carpenter, one of his "Pawtuxet Partners," were "assistants"; four assistants, with the Governor, or Deputy Governor, formed the Court of Trials. Thus Harris had then control of this Court. But just then Harris's real troubles began. At the next election he lost control of the court, Arthur Fenner succeeding Thomas Harris. Then followed the riot, for which the General Assembly condemned Harris and supported Fenner, seating the Fenner member from Providence; then followed litigation and costly trials covering sixteen years, at last a Barbary prison, and then death. Harris must have discovered that God was unfaithful to him in the end. This pamphlet inflicts no injury upon the character of Williams; it is indeed a "sorrowful account," but of William Harris, and not of Roger Williams. It throws a lurid light upon the character of Harris, and it is in his own words. It is what he admits that he did, and thought. It is well that it was published.

The closing document of this pamphlet is a "Protest by Sixteen Proprietors of the Town against Roger Williams, G. Dexter and A. Fenner, against keeping up a difference with Pawtuxet men," bearing date 19th

Nov., 1677. What proportion of the entire body of the freemen these sixteen men bore cannot now be definitely settled. According to the Tax List of 1687, recently published, there were 137 men paying taxes here in Providence; so that these protesters were the barest minority. But there is another fact not less strong, to wit., of these sixteen names, ten were either Harris Partners, or closely allied blood relatives of those partners.

The N. Eng. Magazine for *November* is a capital number; among the finest of its papers is one entitled "Words Coined in Boston," by C. W. Ernst, who is well known here. It is a thoughtful paper about words which became necessary in the new conditions which surrounded the first settlers in New England. There is another article which has interested BOOK NOTES; it is by Dr. Samuel W. Abbott, entitled "A Memorable Experiment in Vaccination." This paper has interested me very much, not for what it contained, but for what it did not contain. It should have told of the struggle to introduce vaccination into Boston, but it did not. BOOK NOTES will take a hand in the game presently.

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An Illustration of Cause and Effect in Journalism.

On the 28th of September, 1895, the *Journal* printed a few paragraphs under the heading, *Heirs Wanted*. The writer stated that information had reached the Department of State, Washington, D. C., of the death of James McCormick, at Guatemala, and that on the person of James there were found two thousand dollars, and to his credit in the International Bank there was a deposit of \$800,000; and the *Journal* continued—"The wife of the deceased is a resident of Chicago, and she has engaged Mr. C. E. George, 79 Dearborn street, as her attorney to proceed to Guatemala to present the claims of the heirs; there are some 8 or 10 second cousins of the deceased in or about Providence by the name of McCormick; under the law of Guatemala, the widow takes one-third, the balance goes to the heirs."

One of these second cousins applied to Mr. Samuel Norris, Jr., for advice. Mr. Norris applied at once to the Department of State, D. C., for a confirmation of the *Journal* article. He was informed that a McCormick died there possessed of \$200 in his pocket and of \$800 in the Bank.

This exposure was made by Samuel Norris, Jr., as an attorney, for the second cousin aforesaid; and Norris's documentary evidence was shown to the editor of the *Journal*.

These facts being promptly placed before the editor of the *Journal*, it said, October 9, 1895: "The drop from \$800,000 to \$1,000 is a pretty big one, surely, but those persons hereabouts who have been led to believe that they were heirs to the former sum by death of a relative in Guatemala, and now find that the estate actually amounts to the latter sum, should count themselves exceedingly fortunate."

It was one of the tenets of the Hopkinsian theology, that one of the chief delights of the ransomed in Heaven would be the looking down from the ramparts and viewing the writhings of their brethren in Hell. BOOK NOTES hopes that it was with no such spirit that the *Journal* gave the following result of its work a year before. This appeared in the *Journal*, 6th Oct. 1896:

GEORGE'S VICTIMS—A NUMBER OF THEM ARE SAID TO RESIDE IN THIS STATE.—Among the New Englanders said to have been victimized by Charles E. George, the Chicago lawyer who is now under arrest, are the following: Duncan McCormack, 236 Paris street, East Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Maria and Maria McCormack, 132 Pond street, Providence; Slavin Clary, 181 Valley street, Providence; John McCormack, 311 Auburn street, Manchester, N. H.; Marie Geary, 618 Wickenden street, Providence; Hugh McCormack, East Greenwich; Patrick J. Bodkin, care J. A. Whitman, 45 Eddy street, Providence; Patrick McCormack, Manton; George C. McCormack, 234 Butler Exchange, Providence; Thomas J. McCormack, box 318,

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George, it will be remembered, advertised for heirs of James McCormack, an alleged millionaire, who was reported to have died in Guatemala. The fact was that McCormack probably left an estate of about a \$1000, and the notice of his death in a newspaper is said to have tempted George to evolve his swindling scheme. He was arrested by the United States authorities on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Mr. Norris was of course not pleased to be counted a victim by the *Journal*, when he had in fact exploded the scheme, and so he at once wrote to the editor. His letter, in the smallest type, was printed in the uttermost corner of the paper.

The *Journal* is just now passing through another experience of the costliness of those abominable paragraphs which it so often prints about people. It printed one about Mr. Folwell, a gardener, living at Newport. Folwell brought suit, asking \$10,000 damages. The jury gave him \$2,300; the *Journal* went up on exceptions. The Appellate Division, on a motion for a new trial, decided that it is open to a newspaper in a libel suit in "mitigation of damages," to show that the implication of negligence in publishing an item of "news" which was libelous and false, can be rebutted by evidence that the source of information was a reliable one. In other words, that a newspaper publishing an item of news about a person in private life which (if false) is libelous, pays a less penalty, provided that the person or association furnishing the item has a good reputation for reliability. Upon the second trial (verdict \$7,500) the *Journal* not only introduced evidence in favor of the reliability of the Associated Press, but also resisted efforts of the plaintiff to show that other sources of information were open to the *Journal* to which it could have resorted for the purpose of corroboration if it had seen fit. Judge Douglas overruled these objections and permitted the plaintiff (Folwell)

to show that he himself was accessible to the *Journal's* correspondent in Newport, and that the *Journal* could (if it had seen fit) have obtained a contradiction of the entire story from Folwell himself before publishing it. This is the only exception upon which the *Journal* now applies for a new trial. A third trial will doubtless result in a verdict for the full amount originally asked in the writ.

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The *Atlantic* distinguishes itself by laying hold upon the life and problems of our own people by direct original investigation. It announces a series of studies of the people in three great sections of the country. The West will be taken up by Mr. Frederick J. Turner, of the University of Wisconsin, one of the most vigorous writers that we have produced. Mr. W. P. Trent, of Tennessee, is preparing a group of papers on the great problems of the South as they present themselves at present. Equally interesting is the study which Mr. A. F. Sanborn is making of life in rural New England communities. Mr. Sanborn is one of the most interesting reporters of the thought and life and tendencies of communities that recent attention to sociological investigation has produced.

The Boston Herald gives its circulation on November 4, 1896, as having been 648,152 copies. This, the Herald says, is its new high water mark, and the highest ever attained in New England. The Herald not only gives its advertisers the largest bona-fide circulation in New England, but a known quantity of character and influence, and a purchasing power greater than that of any other Boston paper.

Messrs. Pfeston & Rounds have recently published a very small edition (250 copies) of a book entitled, *A Summer Visit of Three Rhode Islanders to the Massachusetts Bay in 1651*, by Herman Melville King, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Providence, R. I. This title is misleading and fanciful. The essay was published originally at Boston, in 1880, under the title, "Early Baptists Defended, a Review of Dr. Henry M. Dexter's account of the Visit to William Witter." The incident was the visit of Clark, Holmes, and Crandall, three Newport Baptists, to Witter, another Baptist, dwelling at or near Lynn, and the punishment by imprisonment, fines, and whipping inflicted upon them by the Massachusetts authorities. Mr. King has changed very little his original pamphlet. He has omitted things which has weakened the original paper, especially references to authorities; and having come into Rhode Island to dwell since the essay was first published, the author thought it best to omit such sentences as this, concerning "unorganized individualism which was the key-note of the Rhode Island Plantations," as he states it, (page 27); "exaggerated by the normal fact of the eccentric and impracticable character of many of the individuals who were naturally attracted or driven thither," (original ed. p. 15.) As a matter of fact, the 68 pages of the new edition are reprints, without additions of strength to the edition of 1880. From page 78 to page 83, which is the end of the essay, the author has availed himself of the original researches of the writer of BOOK NOTES, with no acknowledgment thereof. At page 73, his discussion of the phrase, "disturber of the peace," used by Dexter against Williams, was taken not quite literally from BOOK NOTES, V. XI, page 194; at page 77, the statement concerning Governor Haynes, was taken from BOOK NOTES, V. XI, p. 195; at page 79, Dr. King's discovery of the Repeal of the Act of Banishment, was made in BOOK NOTES, Vol. XI, p. 217; at pages 80-81, the Rev. Dr. went so far as to actually copy

the italics of BOOK NOTES, Vol. XI, p. 217; and the closing paragraph of the learned Divine, page 83, was written in his own language surely, but it is a real transmutation of my own, in BOOK NOTES, V. XI, p. 218. Such things are neither polite nor honest. This Repeal was published in the Public Records of Massachusetts in 1859,—Mr. Dexter, writing in 1876, had not discovered it; and Dr. King, writing in 1880, in review of Dexter, did not discover that Dexter did not know it, nor did King himself discover it. Now he uses in 1896, facts carefully set forth in BOOK NOTES in 1894; it is an appropriation of ideas unacknowledged. In his bibliography no reference is made to BOOK NOTES, from which the 15 closing pages of this essay are chiefly taken; but mention is made to Morton's *Memorial*, which on page 66, Dr. King says, "passed by in silence this whole transaction." Save for the additions made by myself in 1894 to what Dr. King then knew, there was no necessity even for the publication of this book; it adds nothing whatever to what Backus had long ago set forth, and which knowledge was accessible to everybody, save only that disclosed by my own labor, and for which the Reverend Doctor has given no credit.

Rosa Bonheur leads the life of a recluse in her chateau in the depths of the Forest of Fontainebleau, near Paris. She secludes herself from all, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the editors of *The Ladies Home Journal* succeeded in getting a proposition before her that she should write her autobiography for that magazine. After nearly a year's effort they were successful, and once started on her work the great painter found so much interest in it that she made over a dozen special studies and pictures of animals to accompany the text. The autobiographical article, with the valuable unpublished drawings, will appear in the Christmas *Journal*, together with portraits of Rosa Bonheur as she works in her studio and home.

The December number of the *Atlantic Monthly* opens with a very clear study of the most important social problem that confronts us — "Social Classes in the Republic," by Mr. E. L. Godkin, of New York, who points out the necessary existence of different classes and the unnecessary distinctions that are based upon such differences. He discusses the proposed remedies or inequalities. That is, Mr. Godkin thinks that there *must* be Rockafellers. I do not. But, thinking there must be Rockafellers, why then propose remedies for the "inequalities" between them and myself.

The suggestion from the Trustees of the Providence Public Library that somebody give the institution \$300,000 with which to add to the size of the new building, has resulted, according to the *Journal*, after six months, more or less, of working, in promises of gifts amounting to the paltry sum of \$1,046—mere nothing—and to get these small promises the *Journal* has lent the use of its columns *ad lib*. These public libraries as now used are nothing more nor less than huge circulating libraries—just in kind as were those of Dana and Winsor. Throughout Rhode Island the reading of novels by those who use these libraries, is 85 per cent. of the entire circulation. Why give \$300,000 to build a *bigger* building for a circulating library of mere novels? This is a condition existing after twenty years trial, and is not the fault of the employes of the library, nor of those who manage it.

Even people of mature years whose memory is clear about matters before and during the war have practically forgotten that Henry Ward Beecher used his pulpit in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, as an auction block for slaves. The most famous of his "slave sales" was that of the beautiful girl, Sarah, and it was upon this occasion that the most exciting scenes ever witnessed in Plymouth Church, or in any other American

church for that matter, occurred. This, among the most interesting articles, is in the *Ladies Home Journal*. Never was there a periodical of this class which has developed so well as has this *Home Journal*. It is worth the attention of every well educated woman in the land.

Mr. George T. Paine has caused to be prettily printed "A Denial of the Charges of Forgery in connection with the Sachems' Deed to Roger Williams," on the 56th page of which Mr. Paine admits the Forgery concerning the date, 1639, which, in fact, is undeniable; but Mr. Paine's pretty pamphlet is in no sense a sufficient answer,—still, BOOK NOTES will give it the consideration which it deserves. Mr. Paine's statement concerning the "Confirmation Deeds," (page 44.) is one of the most amusing displays of misunderstanding, or misrepresentation, which has fallen under my observation,—but we will see him later. Mr. Paine has produced one of the most untrustworthy pieces of "quasi" historical criticism which has ever illustrated or disgraced the literature of Rhode Island.

Will anybody believe that in Rhode Island, in a vote of 58,000 men, one tenth were *fairly* disfranchised? These disfranchised men were practically *all* Democrats, while the Board of Registration which disfranchised them, were *all* Republicans. Such results throughout the country will forever end the Democratic party, and obviate entirely the necessity for elections *annually* or otherwise; in a vote of 58,000, more than 5,046 were thrown out.

As a further illustration of the "election" of Mr. McKinley, study the returns from Ohio. It is apparent to every honest and intelligent man, that Mr. Bryan carried Ohio, and that the electoral college delegates have been stolen by the McKinley managers. The manipulation of Illinois was doubtless the same.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 28, 1896.

The publishers of McClure's Magazine announce a Christmas number of extraordinary quality, both in its reading matter and its pictures. There is to be a richly decorated cover, with one of Botticelli's most famous Madonnas, redrawn by Henry McCarter; a reproduction of a Madonna painted by Josephine Wood Colby; a reproduction of a portrait of Washington painted at Valley Forge by Peale, and never before published, and many other equally beautiful things.

Mr. George W. Cable, the editor of *The Symposium*, writes appreciatively and gracefully of J. M. Barrie, the famous author of "Sentimental Tommy," in the Christmas number of his magazine. The paper is enriched by a beautiful photograph of Mrs. J. M. Barrie, and a striking portrait of Mr. Barrie forms the frontispiece.

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It has been too often true that books published for Christmas uses have possessed so few of the elements of vitality that their lives did not extend the length of the coming year; but the mere fact of the publication of a book at Christmas time ought not to detract from the real merits of a book because of that fact. Many of our best books have been thus issued, in order to get the advantage of the demand which the season brings. This year we have *Meissonier, his Life and Art*, by M. Greard, de L'Academie Francaise. Meissonier was a painter of the modern French School; but he was more than that; he was himself a School. Will anybody who has ever seen one of the miniature masterpieces of Meissonier ever forget it? Never—paintings 5 by 7 inches, or 7 by 9 inches, which sell throughout the civilized world for many thousands of dollars, would quickly pass from the observations of men. M. Greard comes now with a carefully written account of this extraordinary genius; he has illustrated the story with nearly three hundred illustrations taken from the subjects treated by Meissonier. It is not necessary under present conditions to enter upon a discussion of the genius, or the quality, as an artist of this master—his fame is secure; his paintings so small, were yet finished with the precision or exactness of line engravings; the first impression that it was all a trick,

grew at last to a knowledge that it was of the highest art; and so this beautiful book is filled with examples of Meissonier's art, of the full size of the original paintings. Such a thing was never before possible; it is altogether new; many a little full-page picture in this beautiful book brought the artist \$20,000, and some of them even brought him \$75,000, if reports apparently authentic are to be believed. The story of Meissonier's life, and the struggles through which he passed in pursuit of his art, has never before been told; and now, as told, they bear some resemblance to an autobiography. Meissonier, born in 1814, as he grew to manhood became the friend of men who, like himself, have become famous. Thiers, Balzac, Dumas, and many of the Marshals of the First Empire. His splendid portrait of Dumas now in the gallery of the Louvre, was bequeathed to the gallery. It was the delicacy, the ease, the refinement of touch, which won for him immortality. "Whether I paint my figures as large as life, or in thumbnail studies, I bestow the same care upon them." It is the same old story, "Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well." His pictures of battles have now renown; they relate almost wholly to the First Empire. They are Meissonier's ideals of the word pictures of the real actors in this wonderful history; but his actual personal knowledge of a scene of battle was Solferino; on this historic field he saw the feats, exploits, achievements, and

triumphs of men in actual battle. M. Greard's work has the charm of biography to which is added the highest study of art as it exists in human life. The book is a royal octavo in form, translated into English and published in London. Messrs. Armstrong & Son are the publishers of a very small edition for the American people. Mr. Rider has the book for sale, and long before Christmas the market will be exhausted, or he is no judge of that which is good in books.

The Colonial Parsons of New England.

The part played by clergymen in the early planting of New England, enters into all our history; beginning in Plymouth, it developed in Massachusetts, and culminated into perfection in Connecticut. It was politics mixed with the ingredient, "religion"; now we have the politics, but it is mixed with the ingredient, money; bad as this now is, it is better than the "religious" mixture. Mr. Frank S. Child has written a book which he calls "The Colonial Parson of New England." It is not an account of any particular parson, but it is a series of characterization sketches after this manner. The "Agricultural" Parson; the "Political" Parson; the "Literary" Parson; the Parson as a "Scholar"; as a "Preacher"; as an "Ancestor," and last but not least, "as a man." Into these sketches Mr. Child has gathered whatever in early New England he could find in the lives of her Parsons, which would illustrate the characteristics which he was endeavoring to portray. In this way, the funniest of things done, or said, by these excellent old fellows becomes naturally a part of a sketch; and this makes Mr. Child's book a very entertaining one; there is scarcely any limit to the number of bright and funny, but very curious anecdotes which BOOK NOTES might extract, and thus lengthen this note, but it would shorten your individual fun as in reading the sketch you run up against them; bless me! but wouldn't it look funny of a Sunday morning, to see Parson Woodbury (whose memory we now

revere) walking to church with Parson Davenport, who dwelt at New Haven. Just think how an Ordination would now look attached to a liquor bill like this, in 1785: "38 bowles of Punch before the people went to meeting; 10 bottles of wine before they went to meeting; 44 bowles of Punch while at dinner; 18 bottles of wine, 18 bottles of brandy, and unrecorded, but not an unlimited quantity of cherry rum." Then the Parsons patronized the bar; but now things are changed; the bar has become the Bar, and the lawyers absorb the punch, the brandy, and the eloquence. The old "Parsons," when they lost their taste for Punch, lost their grip on Politics, and now the lawyers run the politics and the punch. Mr. Child's book is exceedingly clever. Unfortunately, Rhode Island plays no part in it, for the colony had no parsons of the kind portrayed. Rhode Island was missionary ground for the Connecticut churches. It is published by the Baker, Taylor Co., New York.

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really worth living. A novel bearing the title, "The Regicides," has just been published by the Baker, Taylor Co., of New York, written by Frederick Hull Coggeshall. The scene is laid in Connecticut, as it indeed must be, the officers of the King chasing with all the great power of the King these two men, men of education, of wealth, of courage, and of wisdom, hiding under bridges, in caves, or on mountain tops, sleeping now in a bed, now on a board, and now on the ground, but always with one eye open; it was indeed dramatic; they were among the best friends of the New England settlers, and the New England settlers were their best friends. The subject is an excellent one for a novel. Scott took such a one for "Quentin Durward," and see what a flood of light he let loose upon the characters Louis the Eleventh and Charles the Bold; it is a perfect picture of the times and has become historic. In the case of the *Regicides*, the characters are not so great, but the tale was in itself more dramatic, and taking advantage of these conditions, Mr. Coggeshall has supplied just those men and women which the story lacked; and while adhering closely to history, he has through his fictitious characters given picturesqueness to the tale. It is a clever picture of the times; aside from the incidents in which the *Regicides* figure, the old Blue Laws, the court-methods, the old constables, and the counteracting natural shrewdness, now called Yankee, which the English settlers here so quickly developed, these things all come in and are told with natural simplicity, and yet with strength. It is a novel, and it is history; it will please the fancy, and give tone and character to the minds of all who read it,—and you will "catch on" to the spirit of the times (1650-1700) in New England, in a quiet and charming way.

The first proposition of the party which has seized possession of the legislative and executive power, upon taking possession, is the increase of the standing army. This in

a Republic, a government of the people, for the people, by the people. The *Forum* for December contains a noteworthy symposium on "The Election—its Lessons and its Warnings." The first paper in the group is contributed by the Hon. Andrew D. White, who in an elaborate and suggestive article sets forth some of The Practical Lessons of the Recent Campaign. Dr. White is followed by Mr. D. MacGregor Means, a well known publicist of New York, who, under the title "Will Government by the People Endure?" analyses the causes of discontent which led to the recent crisis. Prof. Goldwin Smith completes the trilogy with a paper entitled "The Brewing of the Storm," in which he discusses the recent crisis from the point of view of an outsider.

And now comes the *Journal* and editorially, in an article a column long, advocates the very doctrine which the writer of these BOOK NOTES first brought to the attention of the late Attorney General, Mr. Burbank, and to the Rhode Island people. Just read this from the *Journal* of the 8th inst.:

"When a grand jury moves on its own initiative it must possess some knowledge of the existence of charges against the alleged wrong-doer, and must itself determine what method is to be adopted in order to secure the evidence on which it may return a presentment. It summons witnesses, commanding, by the exercise of its rights, the attorney for the State to subpoena them when necessary. The State's law officer may know absolutely nothing about what is being done except what he may infer from the names of the witnesses. His advice may be rejected, and he may be barred out of the grand jury room. When the presentment has been decided upon, however, if such is the result of the investigation made, he must make out the indictment. His duty of prosecuting now begins, and he has no more right to interfere with the prosecution thus initiated than he has to nullify the action of a grand jury which he himself had watched over, in-

spired, guided and assisted. In such circumstance the State's attorney becomes a comparatively insignificant figure as against the importance of the powerful people, whose representative the grand jury are."

This extraordinary paragraph takes precisely the ground taken by myself against Mr. Burbank. It reads as if the writer had cut it out of an old BOOK NOTE of 1893. Why did not the *Journal* then come forward and help me? The Grand Jury can make itself the palladium of the liberties of the people; it is as necessary for their safety as was the statue of Pallas to the existence of Troy. And men are rapidly coming to see it. Let men of courage, and men of sense be sent into the Grand Jury room.

"What Language did Christ Speak?" is the title of a suggestive paper in the *Christmas Century* by Mrs. Agnes S. Lewis, who according to Dr. William Hayes Ward, in his preface to this paper, "made one of the greatest biblical discoveries of the century" when she found at Mt. Sinai an ancient Syriac text of the four Gospels. Mrs. Lewis found the leaves stuck together, "but she separated them by the steam of a tea-kettle, and took four hundred photographs, which she brought to England." The present article contains some facts which are not particularly known, on the subject of the language spoken by Christ and his Apostles.

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It is not often that they do it, but when they do, it is *done*—the printing of a book I mean, by the Roycroft Printing Shop at East Aurora, (the place where the sun rises,) in N. Y. Just now they've tried it "On Going

to Church," an Essay written by one George Bernard Shaw, and printed in Romanesque, with Kelmscott initials, whatever all that means, on Deckel-edge paper, which is still more incomprehensible. But the Essay is clarification pure and simple. It eulogizes the going to church as a substitute for drinks and drugs. How this would help matters is not yet quite clear, provided what Mr. Shaw says is correct, that "most of the activity of the Press, the Pulpit, the Platform, and the Theatre, is only a symptom of the activity of the drug trade, the tea trade, the tobacco trade, and the liquor trade." The Essay is unique in form and exceedingly ingenious.

If a man has a right to excavate the earth beneath the sidewalk, and rent the space for his own emolument, he has an equal right to carry his excavations to the middle of the street. If a man has a right to project his building three feet into the street, in the second story, and all above it, he has an equal right to project it to the middle of the street. Now suppose that men on both sides of a street do this, what do the streets become? Is there actually no limit to the grasping selfishness of landlords in cities?

In the article in the last BOOK NOTES we reproduced from the *Providence Journal* the list of the victims hereabouts, which the *Journal* itself published, and which victimization had resulted from the original publication by the *Journal* itself. Among the victims which the *Journal* mentions is the name of Nathan B. Lewis, West Kingston. Mr. Lewis, who is Justice of the Second Judicial District, asks BOOK NOTES to correct the *Journal's* imputation, by informing BOOK NOTES that a person named McCormick, confined in Kingston jail, for lack of payment of some fine or court charge, wished to give the Jailor a power of attorney to act for him in this Guatamala matter, and the Jailor, asked the Justice to write this power, and this is all the connection with this matter that Judge Lewis ever had.

A small book has been recently published under the title, *Men of Progress*, biographical sketches and portraits of leaders in business and professional life in Rhode Island, compiled under the supervision of Richard Herndon, and edited by Alfred M. Williams and others; there are upwards of 364 sketches, nearly all with portraits. It seems almost beyond belief that \$11,000 could be taken out of those men for such an enterprise. Williams was late editor of the *Journal*. This little book which he prepared, is about an inch in thickness, and cheaply bound in cloth. It is the leastest book for the mostest money which I ever saw.

In the Folwell case against the *Journal*, for the terrible libel which the *Journal* printed, after the first verdict of \$2,300, under the decision of the appellate court, (which admitted the pleading in mitigation of damages the general reliability of the informant of the paper,) the *Journal* pleaded the Associated Press as its informant. This resulted in a verdict for \$7,500—more than three times the former verdict. But the *Journal* is the Associated Press. So, when it pleaded the general reliability of that institution it simply pleaded itself. But the Folwell dispatch is itself evidence of their case in receiving, sending broadcast, and publishing such outrageous things about people. But it was something more than lack of care which sent that dispatch,—it was with malice—it was intended to hurt,—not perhaps by the *Journal*, but by somebody, and the *Journal* lent its assistance, and then was permitted to plead itself in vindication of itself.

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The December *Century* has a paper entitled, "Our Great Pacific Commonwealth," in which is discussed the Land of the common people. The writer says: "The future of California will be very different from its past. It has been the land of large things—of large estates, of large enterprises, of large fortunes. Under another form of government it would have developed a feudal system, with a landed aristocracy resting on a basis of servile labor. These were all its plain tendencies years ago, when somebody coined the epigram, "California is the rich man's paradise and the poor man's hell."

The Roycroft Quarterly, No. 3, treats wholly of *Foreign Ideas of the Catholic Church in America*. It is written by Father Zurcher, pastor of St Joseph's church, Buffalo, N. Y. It begins with an account of the movement for a recognition of a specific German Roman Catholic Church, standing at an equality with the English speaking church here, and ends with the Public School Question, now red hot. Will the American people give up their Common Schools? Will they not rather insist upon a decent elementary education, without any sectarian religion, for every child in the land?

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Permit me to say that I was in no way indebted to you for any fact or thought or word in my publication. My paper was written and read before the R. I. Historical Society exactly as it was published by Preston and Rounds (italics not excepted) long before I had ever seen or heard of the Book Notes to which you refer. Nor do I now find in a careful comparison of your Notes and my book any such resemblance as would furnish the slightest basis for the charge which you have made. In this conclusion others agree with me. You and I had access to the same facts and documents, and used

such as we chose, and properly, for neither of us has a monopoly of Rhode Island history.

You charge me with using your discovery of the act revoking the banishment of Roger Williams, without acknowledgement—a discovery which you claim to have made and published in 1894. My reply is that I was not aware that you discovered it, or that you claimed to have done so. It had certainly been before the public and known to me several years prior to that time, and had become the common property of historians. Dr. George E. Ellis called attention to it, and published it entire in 1888 in "*The Puritan Age in Massachusetts*," p. 299. I can point you to other publications in which the act appeared long before your claimed discovery. For at least six years it had been widely known and talked about.

There are other items in your review of my book which need to be corrected, and the spirit of it seems to me altogether unworthy of you. But I have written more than I intended. I am confident that you will be willing, by the publication of this reply, to make, so far as possible, the *amende honorable* for the gross injustice which you have unwittingly done me.

Very truly yours,

HENRY M. KING.

The Rev. Doctor's book was published in 1896. It was read before the Historical Society, 5th March, 1895, and before the Vet. Cit. Historical Society, 11th April, 1895. He spoke of "the recent discovery of incontrovertible evidence" concerning the cause of the banishment of Roger Williams. On the 22d Sept., 1894, six or seven months before Dr. King's first delivery of his paper, BOOK NOTES had discussed the document

in question, and it was from this discussion that the writer was led to believe that Dr. King had drawn. BOOK NOTES would not willingly, nor wilfully, nor wickedly assault any man, but it will maintain its rights against all men. Here follows in parallels the reasons why BOOK NOTES thought as it did. Would two men have thought and expressed themselves in writing so precisely similar, neither knowing what the other had said?

Dr. King, page 73.

The phrase "disturber of the peace" did not then signify any such thing as it means to-day.

Dr. King, p. 77.

"In a summary of the charges against him 'prepared' by Williams himself in 1644."

Dr. King, p. 77.

"Gov. Haynes was still living * * but no denial of this specification was ever made."

Dr. King, p. 79.

"An act passed by the Council of Massachusetts, March 31st, 1676, conditionally revoking the original act of banishment. It is only recently that attention has been called to this act. It was published by Massachusetts in 1859 in Vol. 2 of the Acts of the commissioners of the United Colonies. It was discovered in the Massachusetts Archives after the printing of the body of the volume and placed in the Introduction and so was not properly indexed."

Dr. King, p. 80-81.

"Mr. Williams shall see cause and desire it, he shall have liberty to repayre into any of our Towns for his security and comfortable abode during these Public Troubles, he behaving himself peaceably and inoffensively, and not disseminating and venting any of his different opinions in matters of religion to the dissatisfaction of any."

Dr. King, p. 82-83.

"Dr. Dexter confessedly wrote his monograph because of the limited acquaintance of some of the earliest historians with the facts."

Here it is evident that BOOK NOTES, and not Dexter, was actually followed. Here is the way in which Dexter wrote it: "Because the limited acquaintance of some of our earliest historians with the facts * * has introduced much erroneous conception."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 194.

When a man says Williams was sent away because he was a "disturber of the civil peace," his language defined in the 19th century conveys an absolutely false meaning.

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 194.

"Had not Williams himself preserved these charges in 1644."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 218.

"But Gov. Haynes was then living * * no contemporary ever denied the truth of that which Williams declared."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 218.

"This law was published in 1859 by Massachusetts, in Vol. 2 of the acts of the Commissioners of the United Colonies." It is in the Introduction to the volume, and placed there for the following reason: "To render this work still more perfect several acts and minutes of the commissioners, and other documents, &c., discovered since the printing of the volume was commenced, have been carefully transcribed from the originals in the Massachusetts archives." This law being thus printed, not in the body of the volume, in regular order, but in the introduction, failed to catch the eye of the indexer, and hence does not appear in the index to the volume."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 217.

"Williams shall see cause & desire it, he shall have liberty to repayre into any of our Towns for his security and comfortable abode during these Public Troubles, he behaving himself peaceably and inoffensively, & not disseminating & venting any of his different opinions in matters of Religion to the dissatisfaction of any."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 217-218.

"Dexter wrote his monograph because of the limited acquaintance of some of our earliest historians with the facts."

Dr. King, p. 83.

"This act of revocation must have escaped this careful and boastfully thorough investigator, (Dr. Dexter,) ** but it ought to settle all disputes as to the cause of the banishment of Roger Williams, and settle it forever."

Dr. King, p. 77.

"While announcing the doctrine of the separation of church and state, instead of being 'a disturber of the peace,' he is represented as carefully guarding it."

Dr. King, p. 79.

"Conditionally revoking the act of banishment."

Dr. King, p. 79.

Writing in 1896, "it is only recently that attention has been called to this act."

Dr. King, p. 81.

"Forty years had gone by; some of the actors in 1636 had undoubtedly like Williams been spared to 1676."

Dr. King, p. 81.

"he had probably saved the inhabitants of the Bay from annihilation."

Dr. King, p. 78.

This from a letter of Williams to Gov. Endicott in 1652: "At present, let it not be offensive in your eyes that I single out another, a fourth point, *a cause of my banishment also*, wherein I greatly fear one or two sad evils which have befallen your soul and conscience; the point is that of the civil magistrate dealing in matters of *conscience and religion*, as also of *persecuting and hunting* any for matter merely *spiritual or religious*." (Note the italics.)

Dr. King, p. 78.

"Notice the phrase 'cause of my banishment also,' as determining the fact that the same spirit of religious persecution which whipped Holmes banished Roger Williams."

Dr. King in his letter says that Dr. George E. Ellis called attention to the act revoking the Decree of Banishment in the book published by him in 1888, under the name, "The Puritan Age in Massachusetts," page 299. This is true, but the following comparison of the language used by Dr. King in printing the act will show that he followed Book Notes and not Dr. Ellis, not only in the italics, but also in forms of spelling.

Dr. King.

"readily & freely"

"time of warre"

"sayed Mr. Williams"

Dr. Ellis.

"readily and freely"

"tyme of warre"

"sayd Mr. Williams"

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 218.

I venture to affirm that this little act about which this "erudite" gentleman apparently knew nothing, but which had become a law two centuries before he wrote, knocks his entire argument into utter ruin.

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 194.

"Show where Williams was a 'disturber of the civil peace,' as Dexter says he was; in the first charge he expressly holds that the magistrate *must* interpose whenever the civil peace is endangered."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 218.

"Williams might come back to dwell in the Bay Colony, but he must leave his religion in Rhode Island."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 217.

On Sept. 22, 1894, the act and an article was printed in Book Notes for the first time in any Rhode Island publication.

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 217.

"So strong was this spirit of persecution that forty years had not eradicated it."

Book Notes, V. VIII, p. 129, 132.

"but for him these colonies would have been annihilated." "preserved the colonies from annihilation, continuing for many years, to wit, forty, to exercise that restraining influence."

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 206.

It was in a letter written to Gov. Endicott in 1652: "At present let it not be offensive in your eyes that I single out another, a fourth point, a cause of my banishment also, wherein I greatly fear one or two sad evils which have befallen your soul and conscience; the point is that of the civil magistrate dealing in matters of *conscience and religion*, as also of *persecuting and hunting* any for matter merely *spiritual or religious*." (Note the italics.)

Book Notes, V. XI, p. 206.

This letter was written remonstrating with the Massachusetts government for the sentence upon Obadiah Holmes and John Clark."

Book Notes.

"readily & freely"

"time of warr"

"sayd Mr. Williams"

While Dr. Ellis wrote about this act, there is not a thought, nor an expression used by him which coincides with those used by Dr. King.

The *Telegram* of Nov. 20, with exactly eight inches of "scare" headings, has this: "Big impetus given State Industries by the Election—Marvelous increase in volume of business—All came since Nov. 4." Then follows a column and a half of "interviews" from which the following are extracted: *Mr. D. M. Thompson* of the Elmwood Boulevard, but now of the Corliss Steam Engine Co., says: "It is yet too early to forecast immediate results." If Mr. Thompson don't know the immediate results, what is his opinion worth as to future matters? *Granger Iron Foundry*—"Business has been thoroughly good for several months, and the outlook is much better." *Almy Water Tube Boiler Co.*—"Have no special orders." *Barstow Stove Co.*—"The season is too far advanced for us to receive any advantage." Perhaps people don't use stoves in the winter. *Phoenix Iron Foundry*—"It is too early for us to feel the effect of the general looking up of business." When business is flat on its back it is *looking up*. *Builders' Iron Foundry*—"Our men have worked full time before and since the election." *Rice-Sargent Engine Co.*—"No great increase in business is anticipated, and of course none has come." *American Ship Windlass Co.*—"As yet we have not increased our working force." *Silver Spring Bleachery*—"We have made no addition to our force since election," not "practically," they say. Is the addition of help theological? *American Screw Co.*—"The best trade papers regret the disposition of the political newspapers to exaggerate improvement in business." *Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co.*—"Before Nov. 2d, our working force was 1330; about election time we decreased to 1281; since election we have gone up to 1315." *Nicholson File Co.*—"No increase of business is looked for at present." *Harris-Corliss Engine Co.*—"No increase of business has been felt." *Providence Steam Engine Co.*—"We do not look for any increase in orders. * * Prior to the election we were made aware of a large number of orders that would be placed contingent upon the result: * * None of these orders have made an ap-

pearance." *Spicer Stove Co.*—"Business is at its normal." *Pitkin Machine Co.*—"Little noticeable change." *Mosler Safe Co.*—"Business in much the same condition." *Wanskuck Co.* and *Steere Worsted Co.*—"Cannot say that any decided change has been wrought." *Union Oil Co.*—"There has not been any immediate change in our business." *Providence Machine Co.*—"We cannot say that our business is any better as the result of the election." The only business that is *actually* booming is that of the Thomas Phillips Co. "We are pleased to be in a position to report (verbosely) a most gratifying increase in our business since election," but "*we have not put any more men at work.*"

The *Telegram* then comes with the outlying towns in this form: *Woonsocket*, "mills were all running before election, and are now." *East Greenwich*, "manufacturers hopeful." There is one mill in the town, that of which Joseph Dews is president. It has just been closed, with the statement by Mr. Dews, (if the *Telegram* was not lying,) that business has been much worse since the election than it was before. *Central Falls*, not much change in business. *Newport*, "Business boom felt only in an indirect way."

How can the *Telegram* justify its "Blow-hard" heading over columns of such stuff as it printed from which these extracts came? There is no parallel to the present terrible lying of Northern newspapers, save only in the South before the war.

Mr. W. M. Olcott has been appointed District Attorney of New York county. From the *Journal* paragraph, it appears that his only qualification for the position was that "From the voting age Mr. Olcott has been a Republican organization man." So goes on the prostitution of the department of justice under the present political system. It must lead to revolution in the end, and to the ruin of vast numbers of men who were otherwise innocent, save only that they did not stand independently for that which was morally right. It was so in the war for the extermination of the other Slavery.

THE BOOK NOTES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 26, 1896.

The *Newport Herald* says, concerning the acquittal of Marie Barberi: "No! Marie Barberi is as liable to attack editors, judges, jurymen, as anybody else, and the peculiar disease that she suffers from is destined, the *Evening Post* logically fears, to become more common with the process of the suns." Not unless they first seduce her, under promise of marriage, and then fail to carry out the contract. Those newspapers are too virtuous. They want the practice of the law unmixed with the ingredient, equity. They didn't talk that way when Sickles murdered Key, and was tried and acquitted therefor. The provocation for this murder by Sickles was nothing in comparison with the provocation which Marie Barberi suffered. But Sickles was advanced to honor. The judgments of God are true and righteous altogether. The judgments of men are—

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